

Dear Parent/carer,

At Balby Carr Community Academy we ensure that all students receive the best possible learning experiences and achieve success. In order to ensure that every student can make the expected levels of progress in all subject areas it has been necessary to review the placement of your child within the cohort.

We are committed to ensuring that all students achieve at least their expected target grade in Science, and with this in mind we believe that in order to ensure that your son/daughter has the best possible opportunities to achieve this, we have taken the decision to move your child into an alternative group for the remainder of this academic year. This will allow them to make the best progress possible and be placed in the correct teaching set for their forthcoming Individual Skills Assignments (ISA) which contributes to 25% of your child's overall Core Science GCSE result and 25% of their Additional Science GCSE.

Currently all students in Science in Year 10 have their lessons at the same time regardless of the band they are placed in for all other subject areas. From September Science will follow the same banding system (X and Y) as all other curriculum areas, this means that students will be placed based on their ability into one of the seven sets across the two bands that they currently follow elsewhere in school. This will be based on their current overall ability, target grades and outcomes from the ISAs that they complete over the next six weeks.

This decision has not been taken lightly, after careful consideration we have decided that this course of action is in the best interests of students and this will ensure that he/she achieve the best possible outcomes at this crucial time in their education.

We understand you will want to discuss this with your child. We know and trust that you will encourage them to accept that this is the correct choice for them and will support the Academy in our continuous efforts to ensure your child achieves his/her target grades. If you would like to discuss this any further, please feel free to contact me at school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Tester

Assistant Headteacher