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Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Psychology Teaching

I am writing to you to explain a change in the timetabling of A Level Psychology classes. At present, all Psychology classes are taught by Mr Sare and Miss Leighton. However, Mr Sare is leaving Backwell School and, in fact, leaving teaching to set up his own business. He planned to leave after Christmas. However, we have been unable to find a suitable specialist Psychology teacher to start with us in January. Mindful of the needs of the sixth form students for expert teaching, Mr Sare has agreed to stay on at Backwell on a reduced timetable until Easter.

This means we can still ensure that all A level students have their current teachers during Terms 3 and 4. To achieve this, we need to merge classes. In both Year 12 and Year 13 the three current Psychology classes will be condensed into two classes. Students in 12C will join either 12A or 12B; students in 13E will join either 13A or 13C. The content of the lessons and their teachers will be unchanged, but their lessons will be at different times. For a very small number of students, it will also be necessary to move classes in one additional subject. We are contacting these students and their families individually.

Making changes like this mid-course is never desirable, but, in this case, it is the best way to ensure continuity of expert subject-specialist teaching.

Please contact either myself or Miss Haywood, Head of Sixth Form, if you have any further questions or would like to discuss this further. I note that Year 12 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 14 December. If Year 12 parents would like to talk about these arrangements at that evening, please make a separate appointment with Miss Haywood as Head of Sixth Form and reserve the Psychology appointment for talking about the progress of the students.

Yours sincerely

Jon Nunes
Headteacher