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To parents of newcomers to the school

At the beginning of term I told all new children that they were placed "provisionally". It has not, however, been necessary to make more than a few changes and parents may now like to know more about the placing and what it means. In a "comprehensive" school like Prince Rupert, the organisation is not easy for outsiders to understand (and indeed it changes a little from year to year).

At present, apart from the Sixth Form, we are organised as follows.

First year IA and IB follow a "grammar", IC, ID, IE a "modern" course.

Second year IIA and B "grammar"; C "weaker stream grammar" (one foreign language only)
II Remove "grammar-marginal"
II D, E, F "modern".

Third year IIIA and B "grammar"
IIIC "grammar-marginal"
III D, E, F "modern".

Fourth year has two "grammar" forms (IVA and IVB), a Technical, a Commercial and two "modern" forms.

Fifth year has two "grammar" forms, A and B, a Commercial and a Technical form. Numbers do not allow us to provide a "Modern" course in this year.

It must be emphasised that "grammar" here means "following the curriculum of a grammar school" and does NOT imply any guarantee that a child would necessarily be accepted by a grammar school in the U.K.

Against this background you may like to know that your child is placed in Form IV B

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