



6th July 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes that we shall be introducing to our pastoral structure. From September 2021 we will be moving to a year group system. For the last year we have had year group based tutor groups and it has become clear that changing from Heads of House to Heads of Year would be a beneficial and logical next step. The House system will continue to operate for future competitions and events and uniform colours will still reflect the house a student is assigned to.

This change will also allow us to closely align the role of the Progress and Achievement Leader (PAL) with the Hub team so we can better support both your child's pastoral and academic progress. You will see that the Hub team remains the same size overall and the newly created Assistant Heads of Year will work across the Key Stage. The Head of Year 7 and Assistant Head of Year will be fixed roles and others will rotate.

The system will look like this from September. If your child is currently in year 7 they will have Miss Brown as their Head of Year when they enter year 8 in September, current year 8 students will have Mrs Dunn from September and so on.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
HoY	HoY	HoY	HoY	HoY
Mrs Wasway	Miss Brown	Mrs Dunn	Mrs Bowen	Miss Hussey
AHoY	AHoY KS3		AHoY KS4	
Mr Crook	Mrs Kirby		Ms Whalley	
PAL	PAL	PAL	PAL	PAL
Miss Bruin	Miss Kean	Mrs Masey	Mr Whiting	Mr Mort

We recognise this will be a significant change and that you may be worried that the knowledge about your child will be lost. Please be assured that all of this knowledge will be shared within the team to ensure that all students continue to receive the same levels of excellent pastoral care that they and you are used to. Our Heads of Year are very much looking forward to developing close working relationships with the students in their year group and with you as parents. We are very confident that the extra capacity that we have created through the Progress and Achievement Leader working with the Head of House will provide very effective care and support for your child.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

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