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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to tutor group structure for 2020-2021

Over this academic year we have been planning changes to the tutor group structure within the school. Currently the school has vertical tutor groups comprised of a small number of students from each year group. Whilst vertical grouping has many advantages, it has become apparent over the last few years that, for students in Years 10 and 11, horizontal tutor groups made up of students from just one year group, would better serve us to support development and academic outcomes.

Therefore, from the start of the next academic year the tutor group structure within the school will be as follows;

- Key Stage Three students (Years 7, 8 and 9) will continue to be organised in vertical tutor groups
- Key Stage Four students (Years 10 and 11) will be organised in horizontal tutor groups

This has obviously required us to reorganise student tutor groups for all students currently in Years 7 to 10. In doing this we have kept students from a particular year group in their current tutor group together as a group in their new tutor group. This means that all students will be with others that are well-known to them within their new tutor groups. Some students will continue to have the same member of staff as their tutor, whilst for others it will change. We will be sending a personalised email to all students early next week to inform them of their new tutor group.

Thankyou in advance for your support. Please be assured that these changes have been carefully considered and will help us to improve the learning, support and guidance of the students in our care. Changes to tutor groups will not affect teaching groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stuart Hindes'.

Stuart Hindes
Deputy Headteacher