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Dear Parent/Carer

### **CHANGES TO THE PASTORAL SYSTEM**

In order to ensure that your child can continue to be well supported by an effective and efficient pastoral team we have re-structured the system that provides this. Currently your child is supported by a Head of House and Assistant Head of House. As you are aware each House (Enterprise, Discovery and Endeavour) has a cross-section of year groups and this is mirrored in our tutor groups that have more than one year group in them. This can prove difficult for pastoral staff to work with students as discussions and support that are appropriate to a specific year may not be relevant or suitable to other year groups.

We have therefore decided to move to a different system that has a year group approach. Pastoral teams will work with one year group only and tutor groups will contain only students from one year group. The pastoral teams will have three members of staff:

**Progress Leader**

**Deputy Progress Leader**

**Assistant Progress Leader**

The team will be led by the Progress Leader who will have overall responsibility for many aspects linked to school life to support your son/daughter.

Progress leaders linked to specific year groups are as follows for the academic year 2018-19:

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| <b>Year 7</b>  | <b>Miss K Griffiths</b> | <b>Year 8</b>  | <b>Mrs K Richardson</b> |
| <b>Year 9</b>  | <b>Mrs L Arrowsmith</b> | <b>Year 10</b> | <b>Mrs J Sharp</b>      |
| <b>Year 11</b> | <b>Mr P Nickson</b>     |                |                         |

Tutors play an important role in school, understanding the needs of their tutees and offering support and guidance on a daily basis. It is therefore most likely that your first point of contact with school is your child's tutor. In order to guide you to the best source of support quickly we have produced a leaflet – 'How can we help' – enclosed with this letter.

I am sure that the re-structured pastoral team will enable your child to make good progress in school. Together we can make a difference to the future aspirations of your son/daughter and ensure that they reach their full potential.

If you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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