

ALDERMAN WHITE TRANSITION

# NEWSLETTER #2: TUTOR GROUPS



## WELCOME TO ALDERMAN WHITE SCHOOL

THANK YOU! to all parents, carers and students who were able to attend our Welcome Evening on 30th April. It was a pleasure to meet you all and we hope that you found the information helpful and informative. Our thoughts turn now to forming tutor groups with our new Year 7s. This is a detailed and complex process as we try to create balanced groups that will work well together. To do this, we draw on our experience as a school and our ability to build relationships quickly and effectively. When we talk about balance, our aspiration is to build a sense of community that allows students from the full range of our primary schools to feel welcome, to mix and to make friends. This means that we make choices that are in the best interests of all our students, including resolving conflicting requests. **To support this, please complete the Tutor Group Preferences form. The link is in this email.**

While students are mainly taught in their tutor groups, they are in mixed groups for PE, Design and Technology, and Languages. This gives your child the chance to work with students beyond their tutor group and develop a wider range of effective working relationships. Our enrichment clubs and trips are a very valuable opportunity for our young people to deepen their connection with our school community, as well as being a lot of fun and rewarding in their own right.

## TRANSITION INDUCTION DAYS

Year 6 Induction days for students this year are:

**Tuesday 30th June 2026**

**Wednesday 1st July 2026**

**Thursday 2nd July 2026**

Induction Meeting for Parents and Students:  
Wednesday 1 July 2026 (6:30-8:00pm).

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH US

Visit our website:

[www.aldermanwhite.school](http://www.aldermanwhite.school). Here you will find valuable information in the Transition section, as well as school policies.

Parents can 'Like' and follow us on Facebook for up-to-date feeds.

## CHECK LIST

**Please complete the Student Personal Details and contact information via the link in this email - by 1st June. Thank you**

**Please complete the Tutor Group Preferences form via the link in this email - by 1<sup>st</sup> June. Thank you.**

**Practise getting to school with your child. How long will it take? What are the safe walking or cycling routes? Who will your child travel with?**

**Check our Policies and our Uniform and Equipment requirements on the school website: <https://aldermanwhite.school/>**



## ALDERMAN WHITE : A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

### How do tutor groups support our students?

Having a consistent start to the day, with a clear routine is essential to supporting all students. It provides a trusted adult who is a key point of contact between home and school. Students are encouraged to participate in tutor group activities, such as assemblies, sports and the student council. For all students, regardless of need, a strong start with a consistent group provides a sense of community and belonging.

Our sense of community is based around our **INSPIRE** values. These help us to build social skills in our students and inform how we develop tutor groups. Our main aim is to build a sense of belonging within the school. Every student at Alderman White is in a tutor group. Students are in tutor groups that have students of the same year group. Our students in the Haven and Nurture have their own tutor groups with the other children who are in the same setting. These will be students of different ages. This is often referred to as a vertical tutor group. Our students in the Haven and Nurture benefit from a smaller group and a mix of ages as they have more individual support.

