

July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the Pastoral Structure for 2026–27

New Heads of Year

We are pleased to announce that the school is adding to the pastoral team by welcoming two new Heads of Year for September 2026. Mrs Blatherwick will join us as the Head of Year 7 (new cohort), and Mrs James who will take up position as Head of Year 10 (current Year 9) in place of Miss Bentley who is moving on to pastures new.

Form Group Restructure

To provide greater stability within our pastoral teams and reduce the number of Form Tutors linked to each year group, we have reviewed our pastoral structure for the 2026–27 academic year. As a result, we have made the decision to reduce the number of form groups in Years 8, 10 and 11. From September, our larger year groups (Years 7 and 9) will continue to have six form groups, while Years 8, 10 and 11 will each have five form groups. In making these decisions, wherever possible, friendships and existing support networks have been considered.

While most pupils will experience little change to their daily school experience, some adjustments to form groups are necessary to support this revised structure. Pupils from the affected forms will be allocated across the remaining groups, and in a small number of cases additional pupils may also move forms to help balance class sizes and ensure that each pupil is placed in the most appropriate group.

The following current form groups will be reorganised as part of these changes:

- **7GST:** Mr Stevens' form
- **9FM:** Mrs Mitchell's form
- **10REC:** Mrs Clarke's form

Parents and carers of all pupils directly affected by these changes will receive an individual letter outlining the arrangements, allowing families time to prepare for the start of the new academic year.

We appreciate that changes of this nature may be unsettling for some pupils. Please be assured that our pastoral teams have carefully considered each decision, taking into account friendships, individual needs and the overall wellbeing of all students to ensure the best possible outcome.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Mr Royall (Senior Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Attitudes)

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