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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 Students

Year 11 Tutor Group Team

We are always looking to improve what we do and how we do it. Effective communication with students, parents and carers remains a crucial part of our provision, which is why for September 2017; I have decided to restructure the year 11 Tutor Group team. All year 11 Tutor Groups will now have a member of the Leadership Team as their Tutor for this vitally important final year.

Tutor Group	Tutor	Room
11B1	Miss E Robinson	102
11B2	Mr S Garrity	304
11C1	Mr D Roberts	808
11C2	Miss M Ward	402
11H1	Mrs L Betty	557
11H2	Mr S Bembridge	566
11S1	Mr M Bawden	322
11S2	Mrs B Humphrey-Lewis	310

Tutor Period Times will be at the following times each week and full attendance is expected at all times:

Mondays and Thursdays - 8.50am - 9.20am

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 3.30pm - 3.55pm

The overall aim is to ensure that all year 11 students have direct access, communication and contact with the management team of the school. It is important that year 11 students' views are heard but also that my Leadership Team can share information, opportunities and key messages swiftly and with clarity with the new role models of the school with your child.

Your child will be experiencing some of the biggest educational changes that the nation has seen for a long time: new GCSE grades 9 to 1 replacing A*-G, new course specifications such as the removal of 'coursework', bigger focus on SPG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), increased levels of challenge in exams to name just a few. Changing Tutors at this time may seem unusual however, these are exceptional times and I want to make sure that we offer as much support as possible by making the communication chain between students and the Leadership Team as short as possible.

In order to help support your child in this vital year, the year 11 Tutor Team (i.e. the Leadership Team) will be the main point of contact for any of your concerns, queries, they will be child's mentor and will guide them through their preparation for revision and mock exams, they will discuss and direct advice relating to Post-16 plans.

Mr Flynn continues as the Progress Leader for year 11. Mr Hallam is Progress Team Leader for Key Stage 4 and as such works closely with Mr Flynn and all students in year 11.

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In 2016-17, based on student feedback, we were able to provide some privileges and support for Yr11 and I am happy to engage in similar discussions for 2017-18 to ensure every year 11 student can access support where needed and to ensure that their social, emotional and mental health remain strong and resilient. These could include:

- Opening the library for two nights a week for quiet study and homework with complimentary refreshments;
- Designating Level 1 as a Quiet Study area each lunchtime, open only to year 11 students;
- Skip the queue lunch passes to ensure that year 11 students can attend revision sessions or just simply spend time with friends and relax;
- Complimentary refreshments during Mock exams;
- Flexible use of P6 during Mock exams;

The key elements of a successful year 11 experience also rely on parental support too, your help with the following is vital:

- Excellent school attendance, 100% is the norm in Yr11;
- Homework completed as instructed, in good detail and on time;
- Independent study and homework carried out on a regular basis to improve areas of weakness, fill in gaps and catch up;
- Attendance at the annual Countdown to Success evening on Tuesday 19th September 2017.
- Regular practice of past-exam questions;
- Attendance at intervention/booster sessions (where applicable);
- Perfect uniform and appearance so that 100% of school time can be spent on learning and enjoying school and not correcting uniform

Personally, I am really excited by the prospect of being year 11 Tutor and playing such a crucial role in supporting students through this important year. I am looking forward to helping my tutees realise their potential and follow their dreams. My team and I also expect a lot in return from each and every student in year 11. In being a role model, in receiving privileges, being treated with respect and offered support, I expect year 11 students to behave and act accordingly. **Arrive to school smart, be punctual, be pro-active in their learning, listen to advice from staff, set good examples for younger students and be kind and supportive to each other.** I want this to start immediately on Wednesday 6th September 2017 to kick-start the year.

I look forward to seeing you all return to school with immaculate uniform and smiles on your faces. This year will be amazing; we can achieve anything we set our minds to if we work together.

Enjoy the rest of the holidays.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher