



12th July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the Pastoral system for 2017-2018

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a great year it has been at Meden School. We have made many changes to the school and students have shown enthusiasm and a willingness to adapt to these changes. We are most impressed with their response to the new school motto "Work hard, be kind." Every day we see your children trying their very best and treating others with kindness and respect.

Our main aim is to ensure that students achieve to the best of their ability. As a school we feel that the best way to ensure this is to have a strong tutor system. With this in mind, from September 2017, we are returning to a year group system. This means that students will be in a tutorial with students from the same year group rather than the mixed year groups we currently have.

This has a number of benefits; firstly, it means that we can target teaching at students who are at the same stage in their learning and development; secondly, it means that your child will have increased contact with one member of staff who will know them best, and finally, it means we will be able to have a stronger focus on mentoring to enable your child to thrive at school. Ultimately we want your child to be happy, safe and to achieve at school. All the evidence we have tells us that a year group structure is the best way to secure this.

From September your child will see their tutor for 15 minutes each morning and for the study period at the end of each day (Monday – Thursday). In this time, tutors will then keep a close eye on your child's achievements and development. Tutors should always be the first point of contact for any questions linked to your child.

For your information, the new Head of Year are;

Year 7- Ms. Hickinbotham
Year 8- Miss. Taplin
Year 9- Ms. Kirk
Year 10- Mr Hamer
Year 11- Ms Wild

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact reception, who will be happy to help,

Kind Regards,

Mr C Gibbison
School Leader