

Dear Parents and Carers,

February 2026

We are writing to inform you of some upcoming changes to the Year 9 tutor group structure, and these will take effect after the half-term break. These adjustments are designed to strengthen the sense of community within the year group, and to support students as they prepare for the transition into Year 10.

From next term, Year 9 will move from **six mixed-house tutor groups** to **five house-based tutor groups**. Each tutor will take responsibility for one House, and most students will remain with their current tutor. However, their tutor group will now align with their House identity. The new structure will be:

- **Carpenter – Mrs. L. Hunt**
- **Jenner – Mrs. A. Weavill**
- **Lee – Mrs. J.Cape and Ms A.Lambert**
- **Mercia – Mr. O. Hynes**
- **Whittle – Mrs. E.Park**

This change has been introduced to streamline logistics, strengthen students' sense of belonging, and create clearer identity and cohesion within the year group. With current student numbers, this structure is now both appropriate and sustainable.

As part of this reorganisation, one existing tutor group (9AXL) will be redistributed across the remaining groups. We want to reassure you this decision is based purely on practical considerations. All tutors remain part of the Year 9 team and will continue to support students throughout the transition.

Students will be introduced to the new structure in an assembly before half term. Updated timetables and new materials, including House badges, will be provided after half term. Please be assured that students will keep all their existing House points, and these will be reallocated to their new tutor House group. They will also receive a new House badge after half term.

We will also be starting afresh with student leadership roles. Students will be invited to apply for one of the two Form Captain positions in their tutor group, with applications due during the week commencing 2nd March.

We recognise any change can feel significant, and we are committed to ensuring all students feel supported throughout the process. Tutors and Heads of House will be available to answer questions and help students settle into their new groups.

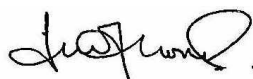
If you have any concerns or would like to discuss the changes further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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