

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you of some exciting developments within our pastoral and tutoring system. As you will be aware, we place great value on ensuring that young people are well supported in having the best experience at Altwood and we believe our tutor provision is a central part of preparing young people for a successful day.

As a leadership team we are constantly reviewing all aspects of our pastoral and curriculum offer. We feel now is the right time to expand our pastoral provision. Over the summer term we will be trialling each house having an additional layer of support, a Deputy Head of House. This role will provide the Heads of House with greater capacity and further develop the depth of expertise within each team.

We are delighted to inform you that following a rigorous internal interview process the following staff will be stepping up to this role. Miss Bird, Miss Costard, Ms Francis and Mr Snowden. There will be some changes to the current tutor allocations to support this development. HoH and DHoH will work closely with young people over the coming weeks to ensure they are informed of any changes.

As part of our tutor provision, and to best support those young people who are embarking on their formal examination season there will also be changes to Year 11 and 13 tutor allocation. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Year 10 students will move into upper school transition tutor groups. These interim tutor groups are designed to support your child through their Year 10 examinations and prepare them for Year 11.

Year 10 students will embark on their first series of mock examinations in June alongside the Year 12 students. The transition tutor groups will allow tutors to focus on approaches and skills needed for students to be well prepared and successful in these examinations. Sessions will look at revision techniques, how to maintain a study life balance, positive coping strategies and positive wellbeing. The Year 10 and 12 students will complete these sessions together allowing the Year 12 students to offer their personal experiences and reflections on how to be successful.

We see this as a positive transition for our Year 10 students, who we believe will benefit from a more focused approach tailored to their changing needs and priorities. Year 11 students will be supported before their exams by some of our most experienced staff who will be able to offer both academic and pastoral support at this crucial time.

Students will remain in the same House as before and will attend the weekly House assemblies. The students will remain in these tutor groups until the end of the summer term and then will be placed in an upper school tutor group on their return in September where they will be joined by the new Year 12 students and Year 13 students.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Nehme  
Assistant Headteacher



Altwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 4PU  
Tel: 01628 622236 Email: [Altwood@altwoodschoo.co.uk](mailto:Altwood@altwoodschoo.co.uk)  
A company limited by guarantee Registered in England: Company Number: 07682284  
Altwood Church of England School is a member of the Agape Multi Academy Trust

**Altwood School - where 'I am known, I am valued, I will succeed.'**