

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to share details of an exciting new development at the academy. From September 2019 we will be changing the way we organise our tutorial time. We are changing from the current, traditional model to a system that is known as vertical tutoring. Within this new model, students will be a part of a mixed-age tutor group, allowing us to manage our systems more effectively and as a result, create many benefits to the care and support that we provide to our students. It will also enhance our ability to work closely with you as parents and carers to ensure that we give your child the best guidance and support to succeed in school.

In summary, vertical tutoring is organised as follows:

- There will be 20 students in each tutor group in contrast to the current model where we have 30.
- There will be 2 members of staff supporting each tutor group as co-tutors.
- This creates an adult: pupil ration of 1:10, thus greatly enhancing our pastoral capacity
- Students will be organised so that there are 4 students from each year group within each tutor group.
- Tutorial time remains as 20 minutes per day, but it will be significantly more meaningful.

The benefits and impact of V.T. are evident and research demonstrates that this system can have a positive impact on all members of a school community.

Key Rationale for Vertical Tutoring

1. Improves our student welfare and support.
2. Creates stronger home-school relationships
3. Creates positive relationships across year groups
4. Helps to develop the leadership skills, mentoring, communication and confidence of our students, all of which are key skills for employability.
5. Allows for greater sharing of expertise, for pupils and staff.
6. VT enhances the culture and environment for all students and allows us to place a greater emphasis on the importance of positive relationships throughout the school.

If you would like to find out more about what Vertical Tutoring has to offer, then I can recommend the following website www.verticaltutoring.org/vertical-tutoring-. We have been in consultation with Peter Barnard, a leading voice on VT and as a result, we are extremely excited by the benefits that this system will bring to the school. In addition, we are hosting an information session on Tuesday 2nd July at 5.30 pm. If you would like to attend, please indicate on the reply slip below.

Yours sincerely,

L. Daveran (Mrs)
Assistant Headteacher

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Vertical Tutoring

Pupil Name

Tutor Group

We would like to attend the information evening regarding Vertical Tutoring on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

SignedParent/Guardian

Date

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