



Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I have been working over the past few weeks to consider how we can further improve student support in the school. Following the global pandemic, student welfare and pastoral support are ever more vital as we learn to live in a changing society and support all of the emerging needs of the impact of COVID 19.

We have recently recruited three additional Heads of Year so that we have a leadership structure of a head of year for each year group. As a parent of a child in the school, you will have a defined person to contact who has responsibility for the personal and academic welfare of your child.

In September the heads of year will be as follows:

Year 7 - Miss Dennison

Year 8 - Mrs Graves

Year 9 - Miss Holmes

Year 10 - Miss Dumbill

Year 11 - Mr Hodge

After the May half term break, we will also be returning to mixed ability tutor groups with a solo tutor. Students will remain in their year groups for tutorial, but have been placed into new groups with, in many cases, a new tutor. The purpose of implementing this now is to begin to build relationships that will carry through to the start of the new academic year in September and beyond.

Students have been advised of their new group and who their tutor will be.

The most important reason for this was to create the capacity to be able to support more students at a time in the day that will not have a significant impact on missed learning opportunities in the classroom. Activities such as reading interventions / literacy and numeracy interventions and supporting pastoral welfare and other needs will be more readily able to happen.

There are many other improvements planned for September 2021. I will write to you in due course to share these developments with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Daveran
Assistant Headteacher