

27th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Changes to the Pastoral System

You will be aware that at the beginning of this academic year, we introduced our house system, replacing heads of year with heads of house as the ultimate pastoral lead for each child. The house system has been very successful so far in promoting healthy competition between houses, encouraging participation in extra-curricular events and competitions, and in fostering a sense of identity and belonging.

Despite the success of our house system, feedback from students and staff has also told us that they preferred having a head of year, rather than a head of house. For this reason we have decided to change our pastoral system after Easter.

From Easter each child will have:

- A Head of Year and Student Support Officer for their year group. These two members of staff, along with their form tutor, will be the main pastoral staff for each child, helping to ensure your child is happy, safe, well behaved, and achieves their academic potential.
- A House Leader, who will champion their house in terms of inter-house competitions and house ethos.

Year Group Leadership Team from Easter 2018:

Year	Head of Year	Student Support Officer
7	Mr Kesterton	Miss Byers
8	Miss Trilloe	Miss Porter
9/10	Mr Lowe	Miss Spence
11	Mr Chilton	Miss Freezer

Should you have any concerns about your child then the first person to contact will remain their form tutor. More serious issues can then be dealt with by their Student Support Officer and / or Head of Year.

House Leaders from Easter 2018:

House	House Leader
Boulton	Mr Summers
Cadbury	Mr Hill
Tolkien	Miss Gray

Should you have any concerns or questions about the above please do not hesitate to contact your child's new Head of Year or Student Support Officer.

End of Term Arrangements

Students will be in lessons as normal this week, however there will also be lots of exciting fundraising events taking place in aid of Sport Relief as organised by the year 11 student leadership team. Activities include student versus teacher at table tennis, year group indoor rowing competitions and will finish on Thursday with a non-uniform day for students (for a £1 donation), a bake sale at break time (your cake donations would be much appreciated!) and a year 11 mixed netball tournament which will take place after school.

Please note there will be no period 6 for year 11 students on the last day of term so if they are not playing in or spectating the netball tournament, their school day will finish at 3pm.

In addition, we have the Bournville Talent Show finals taking place on Tuesday at 7pm in Elgar Hall. Tickets are still available so please do come and watch! £2 for adults, £1 for children.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm and restful Easter break.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Dovey
Assistant Headteacher