

ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to you today to inform you of a change to our pastoral tutoring system in school. From September, Archbishop IIsley Catholic School will switch from a vertical tutoring model to a horizontal tutoring model. Pupils will be organised into tutor groups and year groups according to their age. This means that a pupil in Y8 will be in a tutor group of around 20 other children all in Y8. Each year group will have a Head of Year and will be named after one of the current House Saints. From September:

Y7 - St. Catherine (Gold & Black tie) Mr M Smith

Y8 - St. Augustine (Red & White tie) Mrs K Benton*

Y9 - St. Joseph (Green & Gold tie) Mrs K Hughes

Y10 - St. Monica (Black & Red tie) Mr A Bruton

Y11 - St. Bridget (Blue & White tie) Mr S Daniels

6th Form - St. Dominic Mr M Newman HoY12

*Mr J Brookes will be temporarily in charge of Y8 until Mrs Benton returns from maternity leave. St. Francis Xavier has been retired.

The switch from a vertical house group system to a horizontal year group system is a big change and for some pupils this change may cause anxiety. Please be assured that the change has been discussed and planned across the school for some time. There have been curriculum changes and having age related pastoral systems reinforces this. It will allow for stronger delivery of PSHE, Citizenship and British Values. The change will also promote a stronger Year Group identity.

We will write to you again before September to inform your child of their new tutor, tutor group. There will be an opportunity to purchase or exchange current House ties for the relevant Year Group ties. There will no longer be a requirement for pupils to wear a strip on their blazer as year groups will be identifiable by their ties.

Might I also take this opportunity to remind you that should you or your child have any concerns regarding school and school life, then your first point of contact should be your child's tutor. Please establish contact with your child's tutor before getting in touch with your child's Head of Year.























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Finally, it is imperative that school and home are well connected. Up to date telephone numbers and addresses are of course important, but these days it is paramount you are connected to us via the channels we use. Information is given out on the school website, Twitter, MyEd app and ClassCharts. Increasingly we will be using these methods of communication so to stay informed it is vital that you are connected.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr J Simmons-Assistant Head Teacher-Behaviour



















