



16th October 2025

Dear parents and carers of Year 8 students,

I would like to start with a big thank you to you all. It has been a great privilege to take on this cohort of students. The respect they show and their attitude to their learning is a great indication of the love and support they receive from yourselves. They are a credit to you.

Our tutor team work tirelessly to support your child and provide the pastoral care that they need. I am very proud of our team. They are constantly coming up with new ideas and interventions to make your child's experience a more positive one. You may see on our Facebook page and social media streams the blossoming culture of support and extra-curricular activities here at The Wordsley School. There are more and more opportunities within the school day for your young people to show the schools core values of Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Curiosity and Respect, helping them grow into the mature young adults we know they can be.

With this in mind, to facilitate this increase of opportunity and personal growth, I will be readjusting the forms from half term. We will reduce the number of forms in Year 8 from eight to six. This will allow more members of staff to strategically plan and facilitate key support and intervention, which our cohort of students will benefit from over the next four years. It will also provide us with the opportunity to have House competitions and events within the form group, as all four houses will be represented. This will allow for more fun and engagement in the tutor programme.

I understand this comes with a level of upheaval, both logistically and emotionally as many students have gained really positive supportive relationships with their current form tutors. This emotional burden will also be shared with our staff as they also value the students in their care. However, this difficult decision, I have made for the benefit of your children and their future. I will be announcing this to the year group in assembly and informing them of their new form and form tutor, so they are prepared and ready to thrive in the new pastoral system after half term. I wish to reassure you that we have put a great deal of thought into these new groupings, having sought input from staff who know them best.

Thank you in advance for your support with this process.

Kind regards

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