



Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Vertical Tutor Groups

It has been a pleasure over the last few weeks to be able to meet the majority of Y6 pupils in primary schools as part of our transition programme. We hope the upcoming transition days will provide a small taste of the exciting opportunities awaiting your child when they join us in September.

The vertical tutoring system means that each tutor group contains 3 – 5 students from every year group, including the Sixth Form. Your child's tutor group will be part of a College system, with one College Head and Pastoral Head per College, overseeing and supporting the work of the Form Tutors.

Please be reassured that this system is solely for the purposes of registration / assembly, inter College activities; your child will be taught within the horizontal (year group) system for all subjects.

Research into the vertical tutoring system, as well as our previous experience of it, has shown some of the advantages and benefits to be:

- A smoother transition for new Year 7 students, who will automatically feel part of the school community.
- A significant reduction in bullying: by breaking down some of the barriers, which may exist between year groups; younger students will be part of a group with their older peers, who will then be familiar to them as they move around school. Students within the same College will be easily identifiable through their College tie.
- Improved behaviour around the school, including at social times: as students are part of a more cohesive, community setting, which they are keen to promote at all times during the school day.
- Improved student leadership: providing students with the opportunities to become true role models and peer mentors within their Tutor Group and College. Students, with training and guidance, are best equipped to support each other whether that is from an academic or social / emotional.
- A developed programme of high-profile rewards and celebration related to participation in College activities

Overleaf you will find details of your child's College for next year, including the name of the key staff: College Head, Pastoral Head and Form Tutor. Your child will require a College tie for September and details of the tie colour can also be found overleaf.

Further information about your child's College can be found on the school website. As a reminder, we have our upcoming transition days on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June, with an arrival time of 9:00am and a collection of 2:45pm. As well as this, the transition evening will be taking place on Tuesday 27th June with different arrival slots. This will be over leaf for your arrival time. Trent and Wall

May we take this opportunity to wish you a good summer break and we look forward to working positively with you and your child over the next part of their academic and personal journey.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Merrick

Student:



Nether Stowe School

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My College name:

My College Head:

My Pastoral Head:

My Form Tutor:

My Tie Colour:

My Transition Evening Arrival Time: