



24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Pastoral Care

The House system, along with the vertical tutor groups we have at Chew Valley, is a really important part of how we deliver the values of our school with regards to pastoral care and participation by our students. However you will be aware that during this time students have needed to be in their year group bubbles and therefore may not have been able to access their vertical House tutor during their morning tutor sessions and have been working with their year group tutor. In the case of Year 7 this has also meant that some of them have not even met their vertical tutor (unless they are taught by them). Students have also had limited access to their Head of House as they try to traverse five bubbles whilst maintaining social distance. This has led to some confusion about where to go when they need help.

With the current arrangements looking like they will be in place until at least Easter, we wish to be more effective with the pastoral arrangements for all of our students until we are able to return to our normal situation. We therefore intend to make the following changes from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

1. Tutor time to be extended to three mornings per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
2. Install temporary Heads of Year for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The first change will give more time for all our students to cover pastoral issues and ensure they have the support they need. During these sessions they will be led by their Year Tutor. These tutors will be the first point of contact for your child and yourself for all pastoral matters during the time that the children remain in year group bubbles. The Year Tutor is the member of staff that they have been seeing every Wednesday and Friday since we reintroduced tutor time in Term 1. You should contact the Year Tutor in the same way you would have previously communicated with their House tutor (more guidance on this attached).

The second change requires our Heads of House to temporarily shift into a different role for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. They will become Heads of Year and will lead the Year Tutors. They will set up as follows:

- Temporary Head of Year 7 – Miss Bainbridge
- Temporary Head of Year 8 – Miss Holt
- Temporary Head of Year 9 – Mr Van Grudgings
- Temporary Head of Year 10 – Mr Blann

Whilst in this temporary role, the full Head of House role for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be suspended and they will only embody this role during House competition.

The House championship will continue throughout this academic year and we will ensure students remain affiliated to their House by maintaining Mr Jones as the House Championship Co-ordinator. In addition, we will continue to make students aware of all the positives the students in their vertical tutor groups and House are achieving through our "Monday messages" and "top 5s". The Year Tutor has also been chosen deliberately so that they are from the same House as the students.

Year 11 will keep their Head of House as their pastoral lead with the direct support of Mr Cocks and Mr Moss who have been associated with Year 11 since September.

The pastoral set up in the Sixth Form will see no change.

If you are keen to have a greater understanding of how students, parents and carers can access support during the Covid pandemic, please visit the pastoral map on our website which explains how the different people within Student Services work together to support children at Chew Valley.

[https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/docs/Pastoral\\_Map\\_2020-21.pdf](https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/docs/Pastoral_Map_2020-21.pdf)

As we have said already, we intend for these temporary changes to enhance the support your child currently has. We will evaluate the impact of these changes as we go and adapt to any needs as they arise. However, please know that this is very much a temporary measure whilst we are having to work under the restrictions of bubbles. When we can open up the school again, we fully intend to return to vertical tutoring, with the Heads of House and all of the advantages this brings.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Beynon  
Headteacher



Hannah Kenyon  
Assistant Headteacher

## Who is who?

### Head of Year 7 - Miss E Bainbridge

| Tutor group  | Code  | Year Tutor                   |
|--------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Bible A      | 7BL-A | Mrs S Hayes and Mrs S Daly   |
| Bilbie B     | 7BL-B | Mrs J Ashman                 |
| Hauteville A | 7HT-A | Miss U Iglesias Fuertes      |
| Hauteville B | 7HT-B | Miss E Hosgood               |
| Moreton A    | 7MR-A | Miss A Moreton               |
| Moreton B    | 7MR-B | Mrs L Shuttleworth           |
| Rodney A     | 7RD-A | Dr A Peachey                 |
| Rodney B     | 7RD-B | Mrs C Foley and Mrs J Rogers |

### Head of Year 8 - Miss H Holt

| Tutor group  | Code  | Year Tutor                    |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Bible A      | 8BL-A | Mr C Ree                      |
| Bilbie B     | 8BL-B | Mr C Philpott                 |
| Hauteville A | 8HT-A | Mrs T Carle                   |
| Hauteville B | 8HT-B | Miss L Carr and Ms J Thorley  |
| Moreton A    | 8MR-A | Mr A Fudge                    |
| Moreton B    | 8MR-B | Mr J Newton                   |
| Rodney A     | 8RD-A | Mr P Stinchcombe              |
| Rodney B     | 8RD-B | Mrs R Taylor and Mrs R Gordon |

### Head of Year 9 - Mr D Van Grudgings

| Tutor group  | Code  | Year Tutor                     |
|--------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Bible A      | 9BL-A | Mr S Lock and E Miss Springett |
| Bilbie B     | 9BL-B | Mr T Dunford                   |
| Hauteville A | 9HT-A | Mr T Sperring                  |
| Hauteville B | 9HT-B | Mrs I Nicolas                  |
| Moreton A    | 9MR-A | Mr S Monk                      |
| Moreton B    | 9MR-B | Miss S Apsley                  |
| Rodney A     | 9RD-A | Mr J Lewis                     |
| Rodney B     | 9RD-B | Mr A Parsons                   |

### Head of Year 10 - Mr J Blann

| Tutor group  | Code   | Year Tutor                      |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Bible A      | 10BL-A | Miss S Hayes and Mr D Kenny     |
| Bilbie B     | 10BL-B | Ms J Wilson                     |
| Hauteville A | 10HT-A | Mr J Grogono-Thomas             |
| Hauteville B | 10HT-B | Mr S O'Connell                  |
| Moreton A    | 10MR-A | Mrs R Yates                     |
| Moreton B    | 10MR-B | Mrs W Ilderton and Mrs B Morgan |
| Rodney A     | 10RD-A | Ms L Kerr                       |
| Rodney B     | 10RD-B | Mrs J Gardiner                  |

### Year 11 - Head of House

| Tutor group  | Code   | Year Tutor                    |
|--------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Bible A      | 11BL-A | Mr J Walford                  |
| Bilbie B     | 11BL-B | Mr T Moss                     |
| Hauteville A | 11HT-A | Mrs L Hodgson                 |
| Hauteville B | 11HT-B | Miss E Fletcher               |
| Moreton A    | 11MR-A | Mrs L Pope                    |
| Moreton B    | 11MR-B | Mrs A Cammish and Mrs K Peace |
| Rodney A     | 11RD-A | Mrs T O'Brien                 |
| Rodney B     | 11RD-B | Miss C Brown                  |

## Who should I contact and when?

If you would like to speak to someone during the day, please call 01275 332272 and choose:

Option 1 – Attendance (Y7-11)

Option 2 – Attendance (6<sup>th</sup> Form)

Option 3 – Student Services

If you wish to discuss your child's general wellbeing, please contact your child's Year Tutor using email.

Staff email addresses require the member of staff's initial and surname followed by '@chewvalleyschool.co.uk' e.g.

[jsmith@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:jsmith@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)

If you wish to discuss your child's progress in a particular subject, please use email to contact their subject teacher or the subject lead.

Teaching staff will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible but please be aware this may not be the same day due to teaching commitments and part time days.

**For a prompt response, please contact Student Services.**

If you are keen to have a greater understanding of how students, parents and carers can access wider support during the Covid pandemic, please visit the pastoral map on our website which explains how to access different people within Student Services.

[https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/docs/Pastoral\\_Map\\_2020-21.pdf](https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/docs/Pastoral_Map_2020-21.pdf)

or contact [enquiries@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)