

6th July 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe in these unprecedented times.

This week's letter will be focused on **Tutor Groups**.

In September your child will be allocated a Tutor Group. There are 9 Tutor Groups in Year 7. We have worked very closely with the primary schools to ensure students are placed in appropriate groups. One of the challenges of the transition to secondary school is meeting new students and staff and building new relationships. We would encourage all of our students to approach this with confidence and an open mind.

Each tutor group will have a form tutor – a teaching member of staff. Their form tutor will be a very important person at Severn Vale. They will get to know your child really well and will help to guide and support them. The tutor is **the first point of contact** for your child and you as parents and carers. Form tutor email addresses will be shared in September. Students will see their tutor once a day, every day and have their own tutor room. Their form tutor will lead prep. This takes place every day in their tutor room.

In prep, students will complete guided reading every day. We think reading is extremely important. We dedicate 20 minutes a day for the tutor to read to our students. Some of the books Year 7 may cover are *Northern Lights*, *The Swiss Family Robinson* and *Swallows and Amazons*. Students will also complete a series of quizzes designed to develop your general knowledge.

During the autumn term, Year 7 students will be taught the majority of their subjects in their form group. As the students progress through the school they will be allocated teaching groups for the majority of their subjects. The process of allocating teaching groups will be explained in greater detail during the next academic year.

This week I will be confirming your child's Tutor Group and the name of their form tutor via email. When students arrive in September, they will be met at the front of the school and directed to their Form tutor and tutor room. Further details of this process will be communicated in due course.

I would like to draw your attention to the dedicated transition email address transitions@severnaveschool.com which you can use to ask any questions you may have. All questions will be collated and we will publish answers to FAQ on the school website.

I would like to thank those parents who have already completed and returned the Year 7 Data Booklets. If you haven't yet done this, please can I gently remind you to return completed forms as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for this.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Severn Vale School and to working with you over the next five years.

Yours sincerely,
Luke Brown - Assistant Head (KS3)