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Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Year 7 into Year 8 – Change of Tutor Groups

As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to let you know about an important change for our current Year 7 students as they move into Year 8.

From September, students will be placed into new tutor groups. This means tutor groups will be reorganised, and students will be mixed with different classmates from across the year group.

We have made this decision carefully because we believe it will benefit our students both socially and personally.

Changing tutor groups will help students to:

- Make new friends and build wider friendship groups.
- Develop confidence, resilience and important social skills by getting to know different people.
- Feel part of the whole year group, rather than just one tutor group.
- Be better prepared for the future, where they will continue to learn and work with a wide range of students.
- Ensure tutor groups are balanced and provide a positive, supportive environment for everyone.

We understand that some students may feel nervous about this change at first. However, our experience shows that students settle quickly, enjoy meeting new people and benefit from the opportunity to build new friendships. They will still see their current friends in lessons, at break and lunchtime, in clubs and during other school activities.

Research and our own experience show that students with a wider circle of friends often feel a stronger sense of belonging, become more confident and cope better with change. This also helps reduce the risk of social isolation and gives students a wider support network as they move through secondary school.

We will share tutor group allocations before the start of the new academic year. Staff will support students throughout the transition to make sure they feel comfortable and confident.

Thank you for your continued support. We are confident that this change will help students make a successful start to Year 8 and continue to thrive at Rooks Heath School.

Yours sincerely,

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