

Dear parents/guardians,

I am writing with regard to changes to the structure of the house system in Tudor Grange Academy Redditch. The old system is to be replaced by a 'College' structure and new students on arrival and the current year 9 and 10 students will be placed into one of the new Colleges. I am sure there will be questions that you may have regarding the new arrangements. Therefore there will be a parent and student evening to outline the pending changes to answer your question, dates will be sent out shortly.

In order to give you some clarification before the parent and student evening I have outlined some of the key changes below:

- There will be five Colleges across the lower school within the Academy.
- Each college will be headed by a deputy headteacher referred to as a 'College Leader'
- Students will stay in the Colleges for their entire school career.
- Siblings will be placed into the same College, so that a rapport can be established with parents/guardians over their school careers.
- Tutor groups will become vertical, with students from all lower school year groups, although siblings will not be in the same tutor group.
- There will be increased competition between the Colleges, so that students have an 'identity' and an allegiance to their college.
- Irrespective of college all students will have the same curriculum choices and opportunities available to them.
- 'College Leaders', who will be members of the strategic leadership team, SLT, will be able to provide a more in-depth monitoring role of your students learning journey.
- Roles of student responsibility will be open to all students within colleges irrespective of age, so that students are encouraged to take on these positions to further their own experience and to support others
- The 6th Form will remain as its own College, with its own identity. The leadership role of 6th Form students will be further enhanced to ensure that they continue to inspire and motivate students within the lower school.

The evening will be hosted by myself and Mr Matthew Boyle, Associate Principal across the 'Trust'. We will present in more detail the changes and answer any questions you may have. As a former College Leader himself he will be able to first hand talk about the benefits of this system over the existing one.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend the College transition meeting and look forward to speaking to you more at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rose Rees

Principal Tudor Grange Academy Redditch