

Our ref: MAL/SKY
3rd July 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Tutor Groups from Monday 22nd July 2019

We are changing the way that we organise registration and Tutor Groups. We are changing our current mixed age 'vertical' Learning Families back to a more traditional Year-based Tutor Group system. This will probably be the same type of registration system that you experienced at school, and is consistent with the system used by our other two academies, Q3 Academy Langley and Q3 Academy Tipton. We really do feel that having your child registered in a Tutor Group with students of the same year group has clear advantages over the previous mixed age registration.

Students will now be able to have greater attention paid to the needs of their age group than was sometimes the case in mixed age Learning Families. Each year group will have bespoke pastoral care focused on their needs. However, I do not want to lose the sense of competition between Companies, and we will still keep their Company for inter-company competitions and events such as Sports Day.

We recognise that this will mean a change of relationships especially for older students who may have built up a close connection with their Tutor over the past four years. To maintain continuity and develop relationships between the Academy and home, Tutors and Heads of Year will stay with the year group as they progress through the Academy where possible. Please be assured that the move to a year group approach has been carefully managed, and each new Tutor has been given information about the needs for each student from their previous Personal Tutor and Personalising Learning Director.

We will explain the new system to students from next week, and launch it through a staggered start to the day on Monday 22nd July, as follows:

8.55am	Current Years 7, 10, 12, and 13 (except for Year 7 students who are out on a trip)
9.30am	Current Year 9
10.00am	Current Year 8

You will shortly receive details of your child's new Tutor and contact details of the year team. I know your child's Tutor will be happy to answer any queries you may have so please do not hesitate to contact them.

Yours sincerely,

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