

Thursday 16 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Tutor Groups – September 2027

We are excited to welcome the current Year 10 students into Year 11 and would like to share some important information about tutor groups for the new academic year. This letter will explain the changes and the rationale for the 2026–27 tutor structure.

Year 11 is a significant and demanding year for all students. It is a time when they prepare for their GCSE examinations while also making important decisions about their future destinations, whether that be sixth form, college, apprenticeships or employment. Throughout the year, students will complete mock examinations, receive targeted intervention and prepare for their final examinations. As such, ensuring every student receives the right academic guidance and pastoral support is a key priority.

To best support our students during this crucial year, we have carefully reviewed our tutor group structure. Students will be divided into two pathways:

- **Academic pathway:** Students who will receive additional tuition support in Maths, English and Science.
- **Pastoral pathway:** Students whom we feel will benefit from the support and stability of a pastoral tutor in Year 11.

Tutor groups will be reorganised from the current Year 10 and Year 11 structure. This means that your child may be allocated to a different tutor group and may move to a tutor led by a specialist teacher in English, Maths or Science. These decisions have not been made at random. They are based on a careful analysis of students' current progress, attainment data and individual needs, ensuring that each student is placed in the group where they are most likely to thrive both academically and pastorally.

The composition of these groups has been overseen by Mrs Toni Mynard, Head of Year 11, who has worked closely with senior leaders and colleagues to ensure every placement has been carefully considered. Our aim is to provide each student with the most appropriate support, challenge and guidance throughout this important year.



As part of these changes, there will also be a change to the Year 11 pastoral team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jackson for his dedication and support as Pastoral Manager for the year group. From September, he will be moving into his new role as Head of Year 9. We are also delighted to welcome Ms Huggett as the new Year 11 Pastoral Manager. Many students will already know Ms Huggett; she was the Year 11 Pastoral Manager for last year's cohort and brings a wealth of experience in supporting students through this important stage of their education. We are confident that she will provide excellent support and guidance to students throughout the year.

We appreciate that any change can bring challenges. However, we are confident that this revised structure will strengthen the support available to students as they work towards achieving their potential and securing their preferred post-16 destination.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mrs Mynard (tmynard@queenelizabeths.com).

Students will be told of these changes during assembly on **Friday 17 July** and will then have a transition tutor day on **Tuesday 21 July**, where they will meet their new tutor group during AM and PM registration.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every student achieve success in Year 11. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

Kind regards

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