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Dear Parents/Carers

Vertical Tutoring System

I am writing to inform you of our new Vertical Tutoring System designed for Phase 3 (Yrs 7 & 8) and Phase 4 (Yrs 9, 10 & 11) students.

How do vertical tutor groups support student learning?

- Working with students of different age groups is a more normal social environment.
- It will help prepare more for the world of work
- It gives better leadership opportunities for students
- Allows greater opportunity for friendships in other year groups

The new groups will be organised for September 2017. Please note; if your son/daughter is transitioning into Year 11 in September 2017 they will not be organised into vertical tutor groups due to the transition process towards Post 16.

Students at Westfield have different learning pathways and they will not be organised into vertical groups. The Westfield Discovery Hub curriculum is organised within each student's personal learning programme and Educational Health Care Plan.

We will provide further information at the Y7 – 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 June where staff will be available to answer any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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