

June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware in September 2020 the three secondary schools within our Trust merged into two 11-16 schools with a shared Sixth Form based at The Castle Rock School.

We have been planning a number of changes to both The Castle Rock School and The Newbridge School, for September 2021, to enable us to reach our vision of ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our young people as they progress through their education.

The care, guidance, support and mental wellbeing of our students underpins all that we do and is paramount in supporting academic progress. As such, one of the changes we are making is to introduce Year Heads into our staffing structure. These staff will have significant responsibilities for their year groups and will work alongside a Pastoral Mentor. The Year Heads will focus on academic progress as well as the care, guidance and wellbeing of the students within their year group.

We have also appointed Pastoral Mentors who again will be linked to one year group and who, like the Year Head, will move through the key stages with their students.

The Year heads and Pastoral Mentors are all experienced staff with a wealth of skill and expertise, some of whom are new to the Trust, and we very much look forward to welcoming them in their new roles.

The table below shows the staff who hold Trust-wide roles along with the Senior Leadership Teams, Year Heads and Pastoral Mentors at both secondary schools.

Trust-wide roles
Director of Care, Guidance – Mr Mick Rowbottom
Director of Secondary SEND – Mr Arron Smith
Mental Health Professional – Mr David Perkins
Counsellor – Mrs Jo Wilton

The Castle Rock School	The Newbridge School
Head of School – Mr Duncan Baldwin	Co-Heads of School - Mr Michael Gamble and Mr Mick Rowbottom
Deputy Headteachers – Mrs Katrina Farragher and Miss Emma Booth	Deputy Headteacher – Miss Natalie Fox
Assistant Headteachers – Miss Aimee Kinder, Mr Adam Thompson, Mrs Danielle Clayfield and Mrs Nic Raphael	Assistant Headteachers – Mr Nick Schober and Mrs Laura Drakeley

Year 7 Head of Year – Miss Sarah Brady	Year 7 Head of Year – Mr James Handford
Year 7 Pastoral Mentor – Miss Charnelle Goodwin	Year 7 Pastoral Mentor – Miss Lisa Buxton
Year 8 Head of Year – Ms Lorraine Harbottle	Year 8 Head of Year – Mrs Elita Granger
Year 8 Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Helen Wood	Year 8 Pastoral Mentor – Miss Lauren O’Connell
Year 9 Head of Year – Ms Rachel Nicholson	Year 9 Head of Year – Mrs Kelly Greene
Year 9 Pastoral Mentor – Ms Collette Parker	Year 9 Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Michaela Brown
Year 10 Head of Year – Mr Karl Goddard	Year 10 Head of Year – Mrs Nav Aurora
Year 10 Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Emily Bracy	Year 10 Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Trish Richardson
Year 11 Head of Year – Mrs Kate Hodges	Year 11 Head of Year – Mr Danny Birt
Year 11 Pastoral Mentor – Mr Aaron Tarpey	Year 11 Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Louise Caplan
Head of Sixth Form – Mrs Emma Parker	
Sixth Form Pastoral Mentor – Mrs Margaret Lofthouse	

We will keep you updated with developments regarding any further changes and initiatives.

Kind regards



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