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Dear Families

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break!

I am writing to let you know that the second round of our Student Mentoring Programme is about to begin.

This programme was introduced at the beginning of this year to provide additional support for our students, helping them to feel more confident, connected, and prepared to meet both the academic and personal challenges of school life. Mentoring gives students the opportunity to build strong relationships with trusted adults, talk through any worries, set goals, and celebrate their successes.

Each student has been provided with their own mentoring booklet and record. Throughout the year, they will have a series of reflection, target setting and planning tasks to complete, which are relevant to their year group journey.

For our Key Stage 3 students, mentoring takes place primarily with their tutor, either within the classroom or in small groups. This allows us to provide guidance that is consistent, personal, and tailored to the needs of each student.

For our Key Stage 4 students, mentoring takes place in tutor time, led by their tutors. In addition, a selected group of students - identified by pastoral or academic need - have been paired with a dedicated 1:1 mentor. This allows us to provide more targeted support for those who may need it most.

As this is still a fairly new programme, we are very much in the early stages of development. Our hope is to expand our 1:1 and small group mentoring offer as the year progresses, ensuring it provides the maximum benefit for all students.

We encourage families to stay connected with us. If you would like an update on your child's mentoring, please contact their tutor in the first instance. You are also welcome to let your child's Community team know of any concerns or information you feel would be helpful to share.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are very excited about the potential of this programme and the positive impact it will have on our students.

Yours sincerely

Miss Kate Barnes
Assistant Headteacher

