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Pastoral Statement

Academic year: 2019 - 2020

Derby Grammar School is a small community and one of its inherent strengths is the quality of the relationships within it and its pastoral care.

The pastoral system at the school is designed to provide staff with a level of knowledge of their students as individuals that enables us to teach them effectively and meet their developmental needs. We seek to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and care for one another and the wider community.

In a school the size of Derby Grammar School we are able to develop and sustain strong, detailed knowledge of pupils and their progress and development. Our prime concerns are always the well-being of the child and his or her development.

The Form Tutor forms the basis for our system of pastoral care. Every form in the school has a Form Tutor who is responsible for monitoring the overall progress of that Form, and for the individual members' academic and pastoral progress. Meetings are held at the beginning of the academic year for Year 7 parents to enable them to meet their child's Form Tutor and with Year 10 and 12 at the start of their examination courses. These supplement the reports and parents' evenings that occur throughout the year.

Should parents have any concerns they are encouraged to contact the Form Tutor in the first instance. Four Heads of Year oversee the work of their areas of the school. They cover Year 7, Lower School (Years 8-9) and Upper School (Years 10 and 11) and the Sixth Form. They are an important source of advice, support and guidance for both pupils and Tutors and they are responsible for monitoring progress, development and behaviour of the pupils in their care.

The Assistant Head Pastoral, Miss Stebbings, has overall responsibility for pastoral issues within the school and works closely with the Heads of Year and Tutors on any issues that arise. Form Tutors, Heads of Year or parents can refer issues on to her.

Good communication is important in any school community and parents are encouraged to use the Homework Diary to make notes or raise queries with the Tutor in the first instance. Tutors and or Heads of Year are encouraged to contact parents if the School has concerns.

This Pastoral statement must be read in conjunction with the detailed policies on Anti Bullying, Behaviour Management, Safeguarding and the guidance offered to staff in the Staff Handbook.

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