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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to let you know that, as of September, we will be moving from a house to a year group structure. Therefore, instead of a Head of House and a Pastoral Manager, your child will have a Head of Year and an Assistant Head of Year. They will remain allocated to a House for competitions and some other events.

We believe this change will be helpful for our pupils. It will allow us to keep a closer eye on their happiness and engagement in school, and to make better use of assembly and tutor time. In a large school, we also hope it will build a sense of year identity and ensure all pupils are closely watched. One of my priorities as headteacher is to try to ensure that there is more engaging learning and better opportunities at Lister, and that more pupils take these up. I believe this change will help.

I would like to reassure you that there will be careful thought given to sharing information between the new year teams and the current house teams. We will also provide opportunities for parents to meet the new year teams. I will be sending out invitations for events about this, when I also hope to tell you more about my plans for next year. These will take place after half-term. In the meantime, please do email specific questions to my PA - heads.pa@lister.ncltrust.net, so that these can be addressed.

Some of you may have particular questions about uniform. I do not want uniform wasted, so we will proceed to change this in a staged way. *Therefore there will be no changes to uniform for the current Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 next year.* However, we will provide pupils with a year group coloured lanyard.

New Year 7s will be asked to buy our new plain black blazer with a house tie, although if they have older siblings they are welcome to continue to wear that uniform to avoid waste.

I wish you all the very best for a restful weekend, and thank you for your support: and I look forward to meeting you all next term.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Clay
Headteacher

Summary of uniform changes

	New Year 7	Years 8 to 11
September 2024 Pupils allocated to a house as well as a year group	Buy a plain black blazer and a house tie Year group lanyard colour: Year 7: red	Replace uniform as for current uniform Year group lanyard colour: Year 8: blue; Year 9: purple; Year 10: green; Year 11: yellow
September 2025	Buy a plain black blazer and a yellow tie Yellow becomes the Year 7 colour	New uniform will be the plain black blazer but pupils may continue to wear house blazers until worn out Move to year group ties as above: Year 8: red; Year 9: blue; Year 10: purple; Year 11: green This then becomes the year group colour moving forward
September 2026		All pupils in plain black blazer and year group tie / lanyard