



# Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Notice to parents of students in Year 10 going into 11

We wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update about the pastoral team members who will support your son/daughter as they continue their GCSE study in Year 11.

As you know, Mr Donnelly is currently the Year 10 Year Co-coordinator and he has monitored the progress and ATL of the students, and the form tutor time structure and activities. Mr Donnelly has hugely enjoyed working with the Year Group and feels their success over such a trying period is testament to great character, resilience, and maturity.

At Horsforth, the role of Year 11 Year Co-ordinator is fixed to ensure expert and targeted guidance and intervention for the Year group at such a vital time. Therefore, from September, Mr Donnelly will move into role as Year 8 Year Co-ordinator.

For the academic year 2021/22 the Year Co-ordinator for Year 11 will be Mr Bennett who will monitor the academic progress and ATL of students. Mr Bennett works closely in conjunction with Deputy Headteacher Mrs Comiskey and Mr Croft (PBO) who will help monitor attendance, behaviour and wider pastoral concerns. There will be a team approach to pastoral welfare in this last, vital year for students.

Mr Croft's role of Pastoral & Behaviour Officer (PBO) will not change and he will remain with the Year Group and continue to support the students as they embark on their final year of GCSE study.

Mr Donnelly is working closely with Mr Bennet and Mr Croft to ensure a smooth and effective handover.

As of September you should contact staff at the [pastoralhub@horsforthschool.org](mailto:pastoralhub@horsforthschool.org) email address for any concerns regarding your son/daughter's pastoral and or progress needs.

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## Introducing Mr Bennett

I very much look forward to working with Year 11 and supporting them through their next, and most crucial, school year. I have supported Year 11 through their studies and the examination process for several years and fully understand the unique requirements needed at this stage.

I am also the Director of Student Support and as such I already know a number of the students. I am very keen to build positive relationships with all students and parents/carers in the year group, so please do not hesitate to be in touch in September regarding any support needed.

There will be an early Year 11 Parent Information Evening about the year ahead and how best to prepare your child, so I look forward to seeing you all then.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bennett  
Director of Student Support