

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

6th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to an information meeting where we will be sharing plans for an exciting new development at our school, which we believe will be genuinely **culture-changing** for our school community.

At the meeting, we will introduce our plans for the creation of “**Crews**” – small groups of approximately ten students who will be supported by a named adult member of staff. Each Crew will include a mix of students from across the school and will be led by a teacher or member of our support staff. Importantly, **all staff will be involved in a Crew, including myself.**

Crews will meet **twice each week:**

- **First thing on Monday morning**, to set students up positively for the week ahead
- **On Friday**, to reflect, check in, and celebrate successes.

The purpose of Crews is very simple: to ensure that **every student in our school is known well by a trusted adult.** That adult will get to know them as an individual, understand their strengths and challenges, and provide consistent guidance, encouragement, and support throughout their secondary education.

This approach will strengthen relationships, improve communication, and help every child feel seen, supported, and confident as they navigate school life. It reflects our commitment to putting **relationships, wellbeing, and belonging** at the centre.

We also see Crews as an important way of **strengthening our partnership with families.** By ensuring every student has a named adult who knows them well, we aim to improve communication between home and school and ensure that support for young people is thoughtful, joined-up, and effective. Where appropriate, Crew adults will work closely with families to share understanding, celebrate successes, and address any concerns early, recognising that the **strongest outcomes for students come when school and family work together.**

These plans are ‘new’ to the school and each of us and would greatly value the opportunity to:

- Share our thinking and vision with you
- Explain how Crews will work in practice
- Listen to your views, questions, and thoughts.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026 from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Booking for this is essential, and you can do this by completing the short Microsoft Form.

The link for this is here: [Crew Meeting – Fill out form](#)

We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us and be part of shaping this important development for our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,



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