

18 April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

HEAD OF YEAR 10

I am sorry to inform you that, due to ill health, Suzy Eagles will no longer be leading Year 10. Her last working day is Friday 28 April, although she is unlikely to be in school during this time. In the short term, I have taken on this privilege. I feel very fondly towards the Year Group; on our return from Covid and indeed the moment I started, we used to meet seven times a day in between lessons, day in and day out, for months. I got to know the group very well and many of them at an individual level too. Over the last two years these relationships have broadened and deepened, and I really enjoy being with them.

I will be leading assemblies and the tutor team. I will also be looking after the registration sessions and dealing with strategic issues for the year group. I will be supported with the day-to-day work of managing and improving attendance, pastoral support for the students and other operational factors, by a team of staff in school, most of whom will already be familiar to you and, of course, the tutors are still in place to answer any questions or signpost support. I will write again shortly with more key contacts and information.

The students have been told in assembly this morning. As a Year Group, we are focusing on the culture that we want to create together and how our values manifest themselves. I suspect that lockdowns, particularly for this age group, have not been helpful in supporting them to become a cohesive group; being kind and caring towards one another, empowering everyone and, at times, varying their behaviour appropriately according to their audience. Next week, we will launch our Student Leadership programme. This is the first time in several years that we have done something like this. It should give our Year 10s the opportunity to lead, take responsibility, have a really powerful voice and represent the school in a positive, optimistic way. I am excited to be offering this to them and forming my first Student Leadership Team at South Dartmoor.

Thank you for your patience and support while we navigate these next few weeks.

Best wishes



Mrs J Veal
Executive Head teacher