



Thursday 28th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update to remote tutor time

Over the past four weeks I have been really proud of our amazing Year 8 & 9 students and their families. Students have made a fantastic start to the year and have really impressed me with their engagement and enthusiasm in their online lessons. There have been so many uplifting moments because of everyone's hard work, it has been a pleasure to hear from staff who are amazed at the resilience and efforts of our students.

At St Edward's students' academic progress is only one of our purposes, with the development of students' spiritual and moral formation being just as crucial especially in these difficult and unprecedented times. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you that we are going to increase the number of live tutor periods from next week to ensure that the pastoral support offered to students at St Edward's continues to be a distinguishing feature of our school.

As it is currently, remote tutor time will continue to be compulsory for all students and, from Monday 1st February, will run each morning between 8.45am and 9.00am. This will allow tutors time to check in with their tutees and provide bespoke support, as well as enabling them to help prepare students for the rest of the day in a similar way to which they would in school. Time will be set aside for key messages, as well as worship and reflection. It will also provide more chances to celebrate the successes of students through our virtues system.

Thank you for your support, your patience, your kind messages and everything you are doing for your children on our behalf. If there is anything we can help you with then please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Michael Wood

Director of Learning Years 8 & 9