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### Re: Independent learning and tutor time in Year 7 and Year 8

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about some changes that will be made for Year 7 and Year 8 students starting in September 2024. These changes are designed to help students become more independent learners, ensuring they eventually leave us **able and qualified** for the future. As you know, at Wickersley we encourage our students to **take responsibility and rise to a challenge**. It's the Wickersley Way.

#### Year 7 and Year 8 tutor time

Starting in September, there will be changes to Year 7 and Year 8 form tutor time. These changes are designed to give your child more time to work on their classroom studies. In addition to the usual tutor messages and activities, students will have dedicated time in the mornings to:

- Deepen their understanding of topics through subject-specific extension work.
- Catch up on missed work. Absent students will have dedicated time to catch up and get back on track with their studies.

To begin with, our tutor time will focus on core subjects (English, Maths, and Science) as these form the foundation for learning across the curriculum. Additionally, students who need extra help with literacy will receive tailored sessions with English teachers and Teaching Assistants during their form tutor time. This dedicated support will improve their literacy skills.

Here is what a typical week of form tutor sessions will look like:

Day 1*	Day 2*	Day 3*	Day 4*	Day 5*
English	Maths	Science	Personal Development / Pastoral	Assembly

\*Please note that the order of these days will differ depending on which year group your child is in.

To ensure a smooth start to the new form tutor time, in September, we will be rearranging Year 7 and Year 8 tutor groups.

We believe that the changes to form tutor time will benefit all our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Thank you for your continued support. The combination of home, school, and student here at Wickersley School and Sports College will be unbeatable.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T. Hardcastle  
Headteacher

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