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Re: JHi/LT

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Dear Parents

Welcome back after a well-deserved Christmas break. We are all looking forward to the new year and term and hope that it will prove to be less disruptive than previous years have been. We keep our fingers crossed!

There have been some changes to staffing over the Christmas break. Firstly, we welcome Mrs L Johnson as our new Head of Geography and I am confident that she will be warmly greeted by our students. This appointment means that Mr Chapman is taking up a new role as Assistant Headteacher responsible for the Quality Assurance of our provision and ensuring the best outcomes at key stage 4.

Mr Chapman's role also compliments the changes and increased capacity we have invested into our pastoral structure. Mrs Robinson will now be Deputy Headteacher responsible for the curriculum and the management of the new pastoral structure which is outlined below:

Years 7 and 8

Pastoral Manager: Mrs J Bowyer [j.bowyer@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:j.bowyer@smithdonhigh.org.uk)

Pastoral Leader: Mr M Holden

Senior Leader Link: Mrs C Chapman

Years 9 and 10

Pastoral Manager: Ms K Bucke [k.bucke@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:k.bucke@smithdonhigh.org.uk)

Pastoral Leader: Mr O Denton.

Senior Leader Link: Mrs S Robinson

Mr Denton is a highly experienced teacher, who has joined us this term from another Trust school, Springwood High School, and I know he has much to offer the students moving forward.

Year 11

Pastoral Manager: Miss S Green [s.green@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:s.green@smithdonhigh.org.uk)

Pastoral Leader: Mr D Ward

Senior Leader Link: Mr S Chapman

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the relevant pastoral manager via their email address.

We wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you over the course of 2022.

Yours sincerely

**Mr J Hirst**  
Headteacher

