



# The British School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Pastoral Care and Mentoring Restructure (2022-23)**

Following feedback from students and teachers, including the input from a student working party, we will be implementing a revised mentor and pastoral care structure as of the next academic year. This change will apply to our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students only. Key Stage 5 will remain in the current format (vertical).

Within the new structure, all mentor groups in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 will be in year groups. Students will be part of a mentor group that is made up only of students from their own academic year. The groups will be split into Houses to help promote our House culture and events, such as Sports Day. For example, our Year 10 mentor groups will be as follows: 10-Annapurna, 10-Dhaulagiri, 10-Kanchenjunga and 10-Makalu.

The key reasons for this change are:

- Improving relationships between students and their mentors;
- Allowing mentors to remain with their student group for a greater number of years;
- Supporting our students to feel safer and more comfortable in mentor groups;
- Following a set pastoral curriculum for each year group (allowing mentors to support students through challenges that can be unique for their age and academic year);
- Improved ability to have age-appropriate discussions that link with PSHE learning;
- Embracing the experience and expertise of mentors when working with particular year groups;
- Increased connectedness between mentors and parents/carers.

We believe this change is in the best interest of our students and will help to further our welcoming and supportive environment where each individual is supported and encouraged to be the best version of themselves. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Key Stage. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact me directly ([rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np](mailto:rjayatilake@tbs.edu.np)).

Yours Sincerely

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