

# Woodhouse Academy

## Pastoral/House Organisation

We have two staff, each with responsibility for a key stage. For key stage 2 this is Mrs C McKeown, for key stage 3 it is Miss J Zakrzewski.

As well as dividing the pupils into year groups, each year has a number of tutor groups.

- In year 5 the tutors are specialists in transition and working with our youngest age group. These tutors will meet with their classes every morning and are the first point of reference for parents. These staff are always year 5 tutors and do not move on with their classes, except under exceptional circumstances.
- Pupils are taught in their tutor groups for most lessons. In English and maths the pupils are grouped according to their abilities.
- In years 6 to 8 we try to maintain the link between tutors and their groups and tutors will stay with their classes (wherever possible) for the duration of their time at Woodhouse. This enables relationships between tutors, pupils and parents to develop to support the child in their journey through the school. Through the continuity of the daily meeting with class tutors progress and behaviour can be monitored.
- Overlying this is a house system. Pupils are placed into houses on arrival and they will stay with this house for their time at Woodhouse. They will compete for their houses in a wide range of activities and the positive behaviour points (Aces/Wasps) contribute to the house totals and may earn rewards for the pupils in the winning house. Occasionally during enrichment days, pupils may be taught in house groups.
- The houses are named after local rivers: Churnet (yellow), Dane (blue), Manifold (red) and Trent (green).