



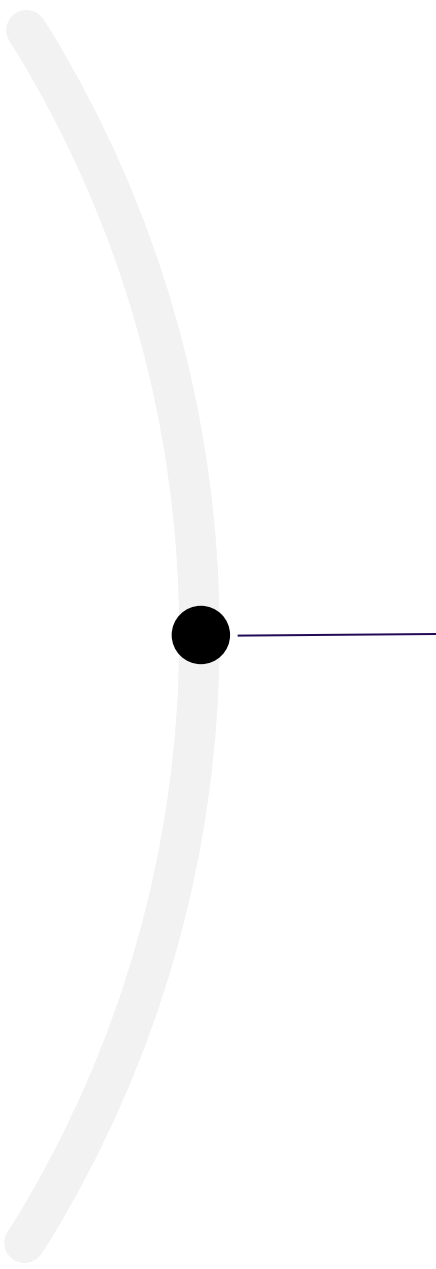
# **Dane Court Grammar School**

## **New entrants' information evening**

Wednesday 25th June 2025



# **Our vision**



Developing  
knowledgeable and  
caring young people  
who help to create a  
better and more  
peaceful world



# Our values

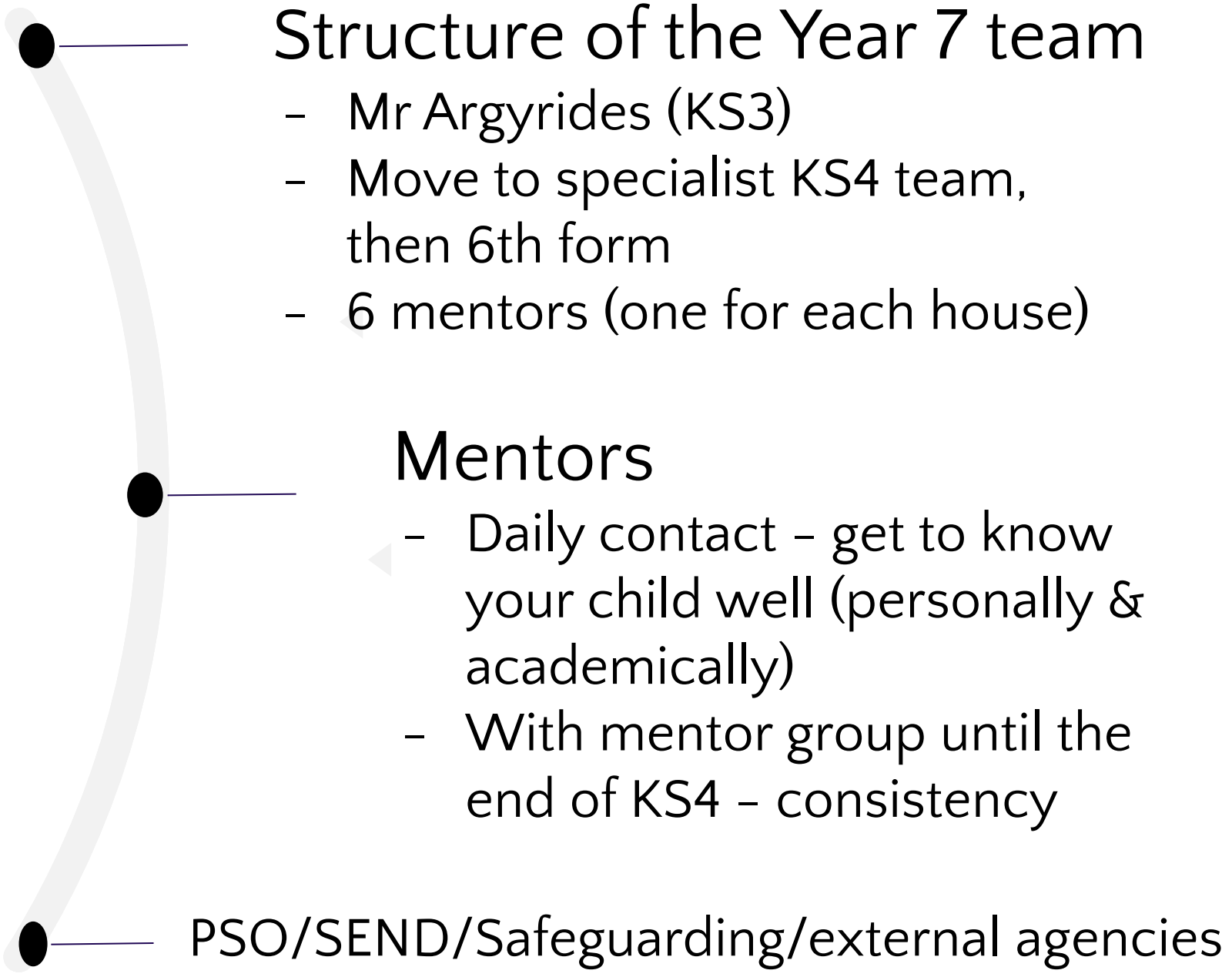
●  Caring

●  Open-minded

●  Principled



# Our Pastoral System





# Phone Policy



‘The use of mobile phones in school can lead to distractions, disruption and can increase the risk of online bullying’

*DfE (February 2024)*



**Our policy (Yr 7-11):**



**Never used, seen or heard on the school site**



Mobile phones should be switched off and placed at the bottom of a school bag; confiscation will be an immediate consequence and further sanction is likely



# Class Charts

**Online  
Behaviour System**

**“Behaviour really matters. It’s the thread  
that holds it all together”**

*(Tom Bennett, 2023)*

## Rationale:

- Improved communication with parents/carers
  - Prompt response to events – maintains excellent classroom environment
  - Maintains high expectations
  - Improves tracking of behaviour
  - Promotes positive behaviour
- Email notification and information is also available via the Class Charts app (information to follow)



# Our lessons

-  Challenge for all
-  High Quality Talk
-  Practice
-  Support for Learning
-  Feedback
-  Recall and review



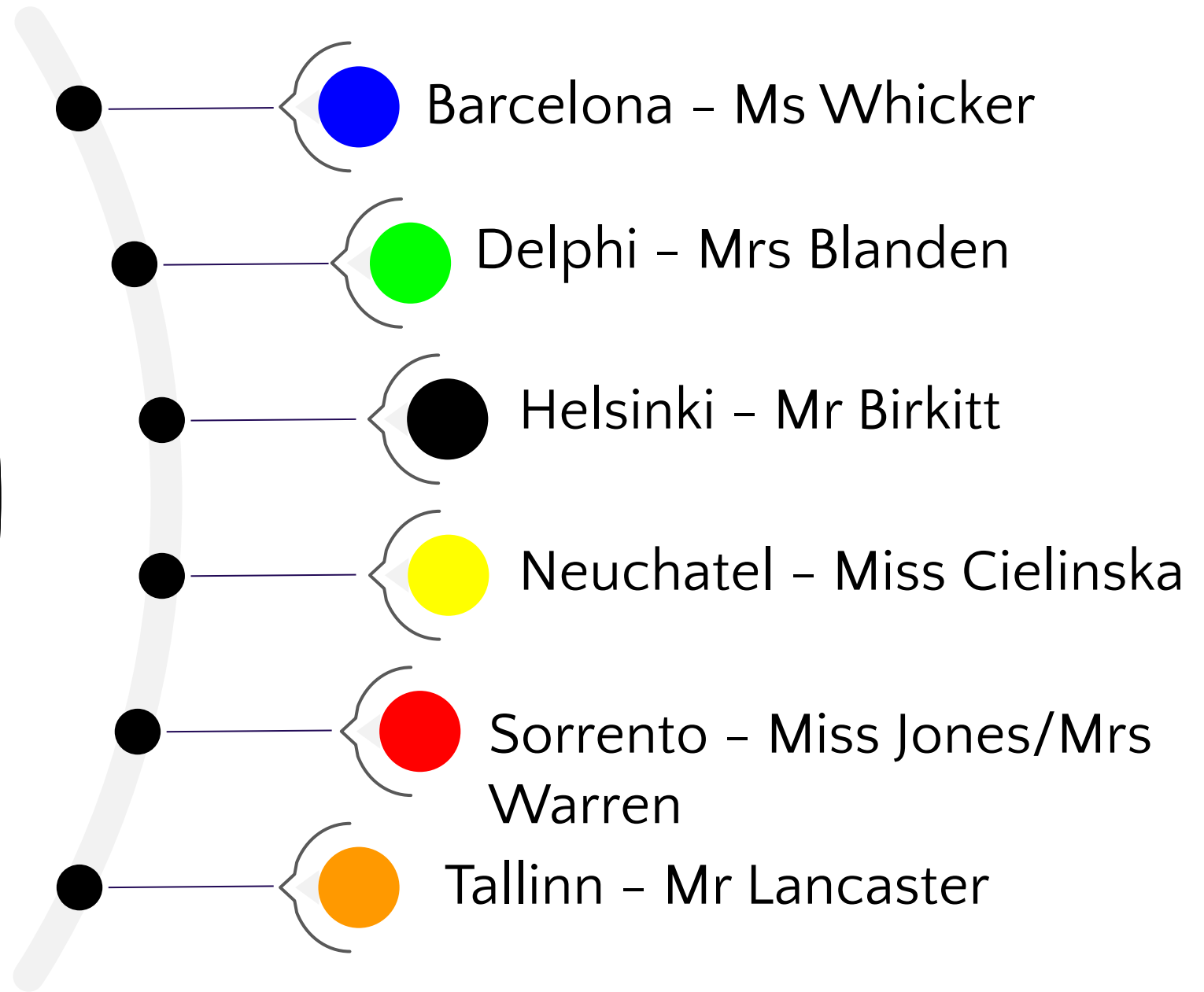
# Homework

- —▶ Maximum 2 tasks per day
- —▶ Meaningful, independent
- —▶ Questions to ask children



# Our house system

- Each pupil is assigned to a house - these form our mentor groups
- KS3 lessons taught in mentor groups
- Regular competitions





# **Role of the mentor / Year Leader**

- To be the first port of call for students
- Extended mentoring
- To deliver the mentor curriculum
- To monitor attendance
- To monitor and guide academic progress
- To be a point of contact with home
- To deal with worries



# Communication

- Attendance / Absence
- Concerns
- Parent newsletter
- School website
- Class Charts



# Transition Day

## Thursday 3rd July

- Arrive at 9:00am (gates will be open, but there will be restricted access to the site in September)
- Wear house t-shirts (available tonight), comfortable clothes and trainers
- Hot lunch is provided (but pupils may bring a packed lunch)
- Bring a drink and snack for break time
- Suncream and/or a hat
- Collect from hardcourts at 2:30pm
- Aims? Informative, but fun! Chance to get to know each other



# First Day of Term

## Wednesday 3rd September

- 8:30am arrival
- Go straight to plaza
- Finish at 3:10pm Wed-Fri
- Parents cannot pick up on site
- Padlock
- Lesson Equipment



**Thank you**



House t-shirts  
(£3.00)



Second-hand uniform