

## Peer Support: Tutoring/Mentoring.

*The role/mission of this group* is to organise and implement a range of activities aiming at enriching the diversity of support offered on a peer-to-peer basis in the school community. It involves: student-to-student individual or collective support (tutoring and/or mentoring), teacher-to-teacher individual or collective support (mentoring and/or guidance). Our ultimate goal is to enhance the sense of belonging and the cohesion and solidarity among all members of the school community; strengthen and reinforce individual abilities, create opportunities for self-development, self-expression and self-fulfilment within the context and frame of our scholastic environment.

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*The project:* Initially, a list of students able and available to offer tutoring and support to their peers will be created. A second list compiled of students who wish to receive tutoring by student-tutors will allow the teachers in charge to pair tutors and students in the most suitable and pedagogically appropriate way.

The lessons offered by student –tutors from S5-S7 will be on a temporary or more permanent basis during the school year, linked to school subjects where the students might need assistance and will take place on the school premises. The whole pairing and tuition procedure will be monitored by the group teachers.

The benefit for the students who receive tuition is obvious and self-evident, we believe. However, the student-tutors will also benefit in multiple ways:

- They will achieve a full and deeper understanding of the subject in which they are offering tuition
- Their social and interpersonal skills will be enhanced
- They will acquire experience valuable for their current and future studies, possibly also for their future professional life
- The school management will provide them with a certificate attesting their work. Such certificates are highly valued and appreciated by Universities.
- As a gesture of recognition and thanks a voucher for books or CD's will be given to the student-tutors.
- A ceremony during which the tutors will be publicly thanked and honoured for their contribution will take place at the end of each school year.

We believe that this initiative will enhance solidarity among peers, empower our students, increase their scholastic performance and help further develop a supportive community in our school.

Other initiatives/projects aiming at accomplishing the goals and the mission of the group as presented briefly above will be planned and implemented at a later stage.