



Students Section

Dear Student,

As well as having your teacher for each lesson, you will often see some of us in your classrooms.

We are Learning Assistants and that is exactly what we do - we help you with your learning by giving you extra support.

Some of us will also be in your mentor groups, so you will get to know us very well, and we are looking forward to getting to know you too.



Ms Jenkins



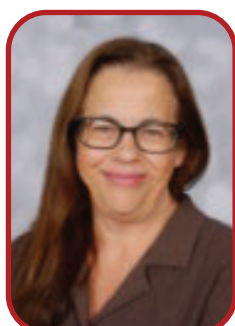
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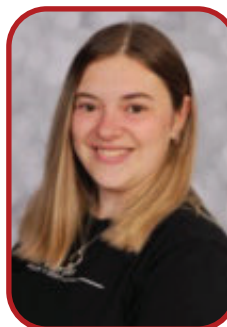
Mrs Latter



Mrs Knight



Mrs Pannett-Ball



Mrs Kent



Ms Sydorova



Mr Smith



Mrs Romero

Transition

Dear PCS student,
I am really excited about coming to PCS and it was good to meet my tutor, but I forgot to ask the following question. I wondered if you could answer it for me?

What kinds of rewards do you have at PCS?

Year 6, Peacehaven

Dear Year 6 student,

Thank you for your question. You'll be pleased to know that we have lots of rewards at PCS. Here's just a few examples:

1. Teachers give achievement points for doing excellent classwork and homework, for demonstrating any of the PCS core values, for being organised and for having excellent attendance.

2. There's also a 'Student of the Week' award. This is awarded every week in the Year 7 assembly or our personal development session.

An award will be given to a student in each mentor group who has done something above and beyond what is expected or consistently demonstrating one or more of our core values; respect, resilience, rigour, representation and reliability.

3. Attendance is also very important and students are awarded 5 achievement points every week if they have 100% attendance. You can also receive 5 bonus achievement points for perfect punctuality.

4. Finally, you'll have regular celebration assemblies and they are an opportunity to share positive news about the Year group. Teachers do 'shout outs' about their classes, clubs, teams & individuals. Lots of students get mentioned and many get certificates for being involved in school events.

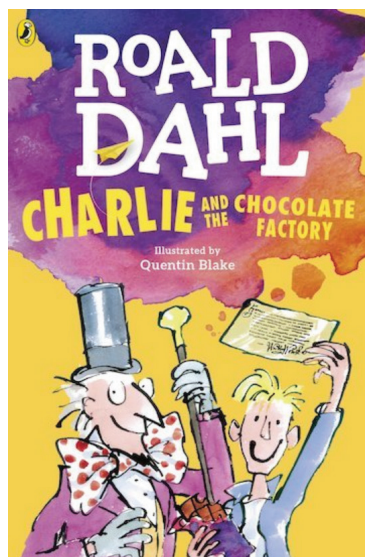
I hope this answers your question and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

C Year 7



Recommended Reading



"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,
Roald Dahl*

Summer is here so time to get your reading sorted!

Check out the link to our KS3 recommended reading list below:

Key Stage 3 Recommended Reading List 2026

Parent Corner

It was wonderful to meet your child during the taster days. Hopefully they all had an enjoyable time and have started to get a feel of what secondary school is like.

However, we do know that a big concern for students is not being in the same group as their best friend.

If your child is worrying about this, reassure them that they will have loads of opportunities to see their primary school friends at break and lunchtime.

Additionally, students won't always be with the same group of students; they will be in different groups for their English, maths and science lessons.

Hopefully this will give them the chance to mix with even more students and make positive connections.

We are also aware that it's not just students who might struggle with the change from primary to secondary school.

Research shows that the transition can potentially be as difficult for parents as it is for their children.

The move brings lots of change, such as different teachers for each subject, bigger buildings, new travel arrangements, unfamiliar environments and mixing with new pupils.

Studies suggest that when students are supported well, it increases attendance, academic progress, school engagement, confidence and self-esteem, and decreases symptoms of anxiety.

This is good news as you can help with this, and all of the staff at PCS will be keen to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

So, what can you do?

1) New experiences, coupled with your feelings about leaving your child in a new place, can be stressful. It is normal and acceptable to feel anxious as a parent/carer, but it is important not to pass these feelings on to your child.

Support your child and encourage them to keep in touch with their group of friends.

2) Talk about up and coming change with your child and approach transitions in a positive and exciting way.

Help your child express their feelings, worries and emotions about the change and acknowledge their feelings. Encourage them to contact their mentor to let them know what their worries are.

3) Watch the video from Young Minds on YouTube and discuss its content.

It reassures children that they're not alone when it comes to their worries about secondary school, that there are ways to cope with change and there are people to talk to when things get difficult.

The video can be found at:



Find Your Feet Schools Resource

This is the final edition of our 'Countdown to PCS' newsletter series. We hope you have found the newsletters useful. The first day of the new school year for Year 7 students is Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

Please keep checking the website for any updates or important information.



We wish all our families a happy and healthy summer break

Year 7 Team