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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Newsletter 6 - Countdown to PCS



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Students Section

Dear Student,

This week we'd like to introduce you to our Year 7 Team.

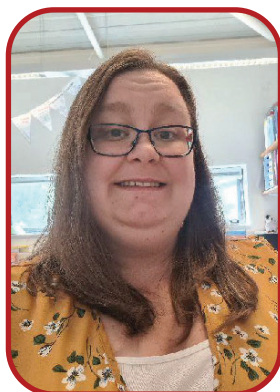


Mr Hamblin: 7T3

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Hi Year 7, my name is Mr Hamblin and I teach Science and Computer Science. I have been teaching for 12 years and been at PCS for two years. I love sports including football and tennis.

I also own a reef aquarium and really enjoy this hobby. Look out for STEM club; it's great for building confidence and hands-on learning. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all.



Miss Dowling: 7T6

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Hi Year 7, I am Mrs Dowling and this is my 8th year at PCS and my 8th year as a Year 7 mentor. I am a

Maths and Access teacher but I am also the Assistant SENDCo.

You'll see me popping into your lessons all year and I'm really looking forward to seeing you all shine!



Ms Osborne: 7T8

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Hi Year 7, I am Ms Osborne. I teach English to all of our year groups (KS3-KS4) here at PCS. Sometimes I can be seen teaching other subjects such as Humanities, Literacy, Religious Studies and PSHE.

I also run the Anime club here at PCS, if this is something that interests you do come along and say "Hi"!

This is my second time being a Year 7 mentor here at PCS and I can't wait! I love helping and supporting students in gaining confidence and pride in their work.



Ms Wright: 7T4

Email will be shared in September

Hi Year 7, my name is Miss Wright. I am a Geography teacher and will be your mentor next academic year. This will be my first year teaching at PCS, which I am really excited about.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and to help you during your time in year 7.



Mr Meyer: 7T5

Email will be shared in September

Hello Year 7, My name is Mr. Meyer and I am going to be one of your mentors next year. Like you all, next year will be my first at Peacehaven Community School, and I'll be teaching History.

I like watching football, rugby and tennis, and also going to the theatre. I am very excited to meet you all and work with you soon. Have a nice summer!





Mr Ogborne: 7T6
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Hello Year 7! I am Mr. Ogborne. I am a Computer Science teacher and I have been teaching for 12 years. I have also taught Electronic Products and Engineering in my previous teaching Jobs. I have been working at PCS for 2 years.

I have not always been a teacher and spent many years working in the Electronics industry before teaching. Outside of work I have many hobbies but the main ones are building and drones as well as cycling.



Ms Poulton: 7T7
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Hi Year 7, my name is Ms Poulton and I teach English. Everyone at PCS will make you feel very welcome and it's a great school to be in.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all again and getting to know you. See you soon.



Mr Skelley: 7T8
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Hi Year 7, I'm Mr Skelley and I teach science! I have been at PCS for many years and have been a Year 7 Mentor on a few occasions. I love all things to do with science and technology.

Outside of school, I enjoy cycling and foraging. In school, I love getting involved, my favourite this year was the Park Run!

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. Achievement points will build up and we have an achievement point shop where you can spend your points. This week loads of Year 7s bought footballs!

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. Also, Mrs McCaughan and Mrs Fernee organise reward trips for Year 7 students. They normally organise trips to the cinema and Thorpe Park. Only students who have a good behaviour record and excellent attendance are invited.

5. 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

Learning Assistants

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 Baker



Ms Goodey



Ms Kent



Mr Phillips



Ms Tait



Mr Wardell



Ms Hollings



Ms Jenkins



Ms Latter



Ms Romero



Ms Lane



Ms Wells

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 practical, maths, English and Humanities 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 last edition of our 'countdown to PCS', we hope that you have found the newsletters useful. Please keep checking the website for any updates or important information. Also, don't forget to email your mentor if you or your child has any further worries or questions; contact details can be found above.

We wish all our families a happy and healthy summer break.

Year 7 Team

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Support Agencies

Domestic & Sexual Abuse

<https://uksaysnomore.org/> - end domestic abuse & sexual violence

<https://uksaysnomore.org/resource/how-to-talk-to-young-people-about-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence/>

Refuge

Refuge provides specialist support to women, children and some men escaping domestic violence and other forms of violence.

Support for children -

<https://www.refuge.org.uk/get-help-now/children/>

Protecting my children -

<https://www.refuge.org.uk/get-help-now/protecting-my-children/>

Website: www.refuge.org.uk

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline:
0808 2000 247

Website:

www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk
(access live chat Monday - Friday,
3pm - 10pm)

Hideout (Women's Aid)

A web resource for children themselves. Women's Aid have created this space to help children understand domestic abuse and how to take positive action.

Website:

<https://thehideout.org.uk/children/home/>

Freedom Programme

Freedom Programme is a domestic violence programme which was created by Pat Craven and evolved from her work with perpetrators of domestic violence. The programme

provides information, not therapy.

Website:

<https://www.freedomprogramme.co.uk/>

Bright Sky app

Bright Sky is a mobile app and website for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or who is worried about someone else. The app can be downloaded for free via the app stores.

Launched in partnership with Vodafone, the app includes questionnaires to assess the safety of a relationship, and a section on dispelling myths around domestic and sexual abuse. The website is focused on how to spot the signs of domestic abuse, advice on how to support someone you have concerns for, and ways to find help.

Download for android

Download for iOS

Supporting your child with

domestic violence (Young Minds)

Website:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-domestic-violence/>

Protective Behaviours (Safety Net)

Protective Behaviours is a safety awareness and resilience building programme which helps children and adults to recognise any situation where they feel worried or unsafe, such as feeling stressed, bullied or threatened; and explores practical ways to keep safe.

<https://www.safety-net.org.uk/protective-behaviours/>