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Y6 Newsletter

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Junior Student Leader**



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Junior Student Leader**



Newsletter 5 - Countdown to PCS





Students Section

Dear Student

This week we'd like to introduce you to our final group of teachers who would like to share information about their exciting subjects with you.



Hi Year 6,
My name is Mr Browne, Head of Music at PCS.



In the music department at PCS we also have Mr Himsworth (music teacher) and Mr Wardell (technician and learning support). We are all looking forward to welcoming you into our school.

In our faculty we have two music classrooms and a number of practise rooms but the most exciting feature of our subject is the amazing instruments that we use in most of our lessons.

Hopefully you'll also choose to get involved in extra-curricular clubs, concerts, instrumental or singing lessons or rehearsing in the practice rooms after school.

To prepare for your music lessons we'd like to set you a challenge, either:

Make a drum beat using a drum app (e.g. drumbitt.app) on your phone or home computer **Or** Learn a song, record it with a backing track and record it on your phone.

Regards,
Mr Browne



Hi Year 6,
My name is Mr Clarke and I am the Head of Physical Education here at PCS.



Our department consists of Mr Burns, Ms Leggett, Mr Broadbent, Mr Woods, Mr Radmore and myself.

Whilst at PCS throughout years 7-11 you will have 2 hours of core PE per week.

You will take part in a broad and balanced curriculum that offers a variety of physical activities across Invasion Games, Net and Ball Games, Striking and Fielding, Outdoor Adventurous Activities, Gymnastics, Health and Fitness and Athletics.

Please watch Mr.Burns presenting our expectations video to understand what kit you need and all other information to be able to participate safely.

Our ethos is to develop physically literate, socially confident, free thinking individuals, who understand the importance of living active and healthy lifestyles and who value the physical, mental and social benefits of lifelong participation in physical activities.

You'll also get the opportunity to attend a wide range of extra curricular activities that differ inline with the curriculum throughout each term.

For further information regarding our PE curriculum please visit our website:

<https://www.phcs.org.uk/page/?title=Physical+Education&pid=57>

We look forward to you joining us here at PCS and taking part alongside others in Physical Education.

Kind regards,
Mr James Clarke

Click here for PE Advice & Guidance



Hello, Mr. Cornish here.

I teach in the Design & Technology Department which includes making things in wood, plastic, fabric and metal, and learning about nutrition and cooking techniques.





Many of you will have already enjoyed designing and making things, or helping to make meals for your family. When you start at PCS you'll get the opportunity to use tools in one of the workshops. You'll also cook wonderful recipes in our Food Technology rooms.

We'll teach you how to do this safely and give you opportunities to develop products and dishes that give you skills for life.

Hopefully, as your skills develop you will be able to use more complicated machines such as the laser cutter, and kitchen equipment such as pasta rollers.

All of the teachers in our department are really looking forward to meeting you and helping you develop your skills.

However, we'd really like to see what making skills you already have and to see what you've been up to, wherever that's been.

So, I'd like you to email me a picture of something that you've made.

It could be a cake, a shed, an embroidery, a painted Warhammer set, a Minecraft mansion, a fruit pie, an electric lamp, a 3D printed model ... basically anything you've made.

My email is phillip.cornish@swale.at and I can't wait to see what you can do.

See you at school. Mr. Cornish

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."

Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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 2022

Transition Leader

*Dear Transition leader,
I will be joining PCS soon and I'm really worried about the bigger children and the busy corridors.
What should I do? Year 6 Peacehaven*

*Dear Year 6 student,
Thank you for getting in touch with us. We've always been told a worry shared is a worry halved so you've made the first step!*

I, like you, was also very worried about the older students because I'm quite small! But actually, they're fine. In fact, they're so busy speaking to friends or rushing to lessons that you don't really have to have anything to do with them.

However, most of them will help you out if you're lost and they'll speak to you if you look upset. The other thing to remember is that the corridors always have lots of teachers and

adults in them so if you are worried about an older student just tell a teacher.

Secondly, busy corridors. Yes, they are busy but we now have a one way system so moving around is really easy.

My final point is that bigger children and busy corridors are part of moving up to secondary school. You're a year 6 student and your primary school probably seems really tiny now and the students in the other year groups look small. But how did your school feel when you first started? I bet it felt huge and the year 6 students looked like giants!

So, what I'm trying to say is you've been through this before so you can do it again. Just remember to do the following things:

1. Be brave.
2. Don't keep your worries to yourself.
3. Use the Year 7 only spaces; they're great to get away from 'big people'!

*I hope this helps,
J Year 7.*

SEND Section

Hi! I'm Mrs Scotting and I am the specialist language and autism teacher here at PCS.



I support many of our students who need some extra help with language, learning and friendships.

I see students once a week either on their own or in a small group. We always have a nice time, sometimes we even play games!



I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our wonderful school.

Have a great summer,

Mrs. Scotting

Hello I am Jim Pannett and I am an intervention teacher at PCS. I provide literacy, behaviour and nurture input, aimed at developing students' skills, self-awareness and resilience.



I am a primary trained teacher but have worked in the secondary sector for 15 years. Enjoy your Summer. I really look forward to meeting you.

Should your enquiry require the attention of our SEND department, please email:

PCS-SENDyr6transition@swale.at

Parent Corner

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, we would like to confirm the first day of the new school year for Year 7 students will be Monday 4th September.

Information will be sent out about times etc. during the summer break.

Next week's newsletter will focus on the mentor team so if you were unable to attend our 1-to-1 meetings your child will be able to put a name to a face!

Finally, we've had lots of questions from parents around how to support their child with the transition process.

Therefore, we've put together a few 'top tips for parents and carers'.

- Reassure your child that their worries about transition are normal and that things will get easier.
- Read through the student transition booklet together to ensure that your child knows who to contact or where to go if there is a problem.
- Have a trial run of the route, especially if they walk or cycle.
- Get up earlier during the last week of the holidays so that early starts for school aren't a shock to the system.
- Help your child to get into good routines. Encourage them to pack their bag the night before. Help them to create a daily checklist for items they need for school. They should also look at their timetable to remind them about homework that they might need to hand in.
- Encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable time and set an alarm to wake them up in the morning.
- Support your child to stick to the uniform code. Your child will feel

more comfortable from day one if they're wearing the correct uniform. They'll feel like they are part of the school community and it will prevent constant negative interactions with staff.

- Get in touch with us if something happens that may affect their day. (See who should I contact?)
- If possible provide a quiet area for them to complete their homework, and agree upon a routine for completing it. If there isn't an appropriate area to work encourage them to use the school homework clubs.
- Name and label everything, including shoes.
- Encourage your child to join lunchtime or after-school clubs. They are a great way to make friends.
- Ensure your child is "device-free" at least one hour before they go to sleep to enable them to have a calm end to their day.
- Visit the **Starting Secondary School** section of the BBC Bitesize website for tips, resources and advice:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

Any questions or enquiries, please email:

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