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Y6 Newsletter

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Year 6 Transition



Newsletter 2 - Countdown to PCS

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Newsletter 2 - Students Section

Hello Year 6,

I am Mrs McCaughan and I'm delighted that from September, you will be joining our fabulous Year 7 team at Peacehaven Community School.



I will be your Pastoral Leader and I'll be supported by a great group of experienced staff; these include



Mrs Fernee, Year 7 Pastoral Support Manager,



Ms Turner, Assistant Head Teacher and eight mentors.

We are all looking forward to meeting you.

You might be wondering what a Pastoral Leader and Pastoral Support Manager does. Myself and Mrs Fernee are responsible for all of the students in Year 7. It is our job to help each one of you to reach your full potential. We help you to make positive choices and encourage you to make the most of the many opportunities that Peacehaven Community School has to offer.

We will support you to uphold our high standards and adhere to our school values;

**Resilience
Reliability
Rigour
Respect
Representation**

We understand that the transition from primary school to secondary school can be both an exciting time but also a worrying one too. We know that many of you might feel anxious about the move to PCS.

However, I want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your move to secondary school is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. The Year 7 Team has already met with each of your primary school teachers. They have told us a lot about each of you!

This information will help us to organise you into both mentor and teaching groups.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the visits that we have already made to many of your primary schools and hope to meet more of you soon.

Additionally, we have a group of current Year 7 students who are happy to share their experiences of PCS with you. They understand you must have lots of questions and things you would like to know. Therefore, we have set up an email account:

PCS-yr6transition@swale.at

The idea behind this email account is to answer any questions that you might have in order that you feel as confident as possible when joining us in September.

The aim is to support you and help ease any worries that you may have, as we know moving to secondary school can feel quite scary. The Year 7 Team will be checking this email account every week. We will then either email you back, or if it's a worry or question that lots of Year 6 students have, we'll answer it in the next edition of this newsletter. So, my challenge to you this week is to send us an email with any questions or worries that you may have about starting at PCS.

We hope that this information has been a useful update for you. Each week we will introduce you to more staff at PCS so that you can put a name to a face. So please make sure that you have a look at each weekly newsletter.

The Year 7 Team

Mrs McCaughan, Mrs Fernee and Ms Turner



Dear Transition Leader... Section

Every year, we look for help from our current Year 7 students to give advice and support to new students from a peer point of view, after all, they are the experts!

We have found that our Year 7 students rise to the challenge and amaze us with their kindness, insight and words of wisdom for Year 6 students. This week we were asked the following question.

What is the transition from Primary school to PCS like?

Firstly, I would like to assure you that the transition between Year 6 and Year 7 is not as hard as it may first seem. That is not to say that it is not nerve-racking, and I am sure that many of you, as everyone at PCS once was, are nervous.

However, this is just natural, and I can promise you that everyone at our school is willing to help you, because we all know how you are feeling.

The only mistake you can make coming into secondary school is not asking the questions you would like answered. If you think in your head now, there is most likely a question or worry you would like to be answered- if there is not, one will probably come to you when or before you arrive. No question is a silly question and I give you my word that every member of staff will be happy to help and reassure you.

Just remember that every pupil has been through this transition, and I know from personal experience that it is better to talk about your emotions rather than bottle them up.

When you first come into PCS, you will receive your timetable and meet your mentor. They will explain to you everything you need to know, and this may be the best time to ask any questions you have.

As you settle in, you may want to join just one of the many clubs on offer, or perhaps become part of the school football team. This is a great way to find people with similar interests to you, and I know first-hand that sport is the best way to make friends.

At first, PCS may seem like a huge building, but after a few days you will know its corridors like the back of your hand. If you need to ask for directions, just ask! Your secondary school life is now fast approaching, and you will love it.

Regards,

Yr 7 student



Parent Corner

Dear Parents/Carers,

Transition to secondary school is such an important and momentous journey and we place high value on this. Consequently, we always try to offer a comprehensive transition programme which sets the highest expectations for our students, embeds our PCS Values and gives them a friendly, warm, engaging welcome to the PCS Community.

We have already visited many of the Primary schools to gather information about each student.

Our team, along with transition leaders, will visit each Year 6 child in their own school to answer any of their questions about PCS.

Also, In the coming weeks we will be able to offer masterclasses, appointments with your child's mentor and transition days.

We'll keep you updated on all of the above in the next few newsletters.

Uniform News

We expect all students to start the year with the following items:

- * PCS Black blazer
- Black school trousers / pleated skirt
- White school shirt

- * Year 7 light blue striped tie - available to order from Premier Sports
- Black plain v neck jumper (optional)
- Black school shoes - smart, leather, **no soft soles, trainers or boots**



PCS PE kit

* T-shirt and shorts with school logo - available to order from Premier Sports from 1st July 2022

* Can be purchased from:
<https://www.pcs.kitfor.co.uk>

We will continue to provide weekly updates on any new information or key dates through both the school website and this newsletter.

