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Year 6 Transition



Newsletter 3 - Countdown to PCS

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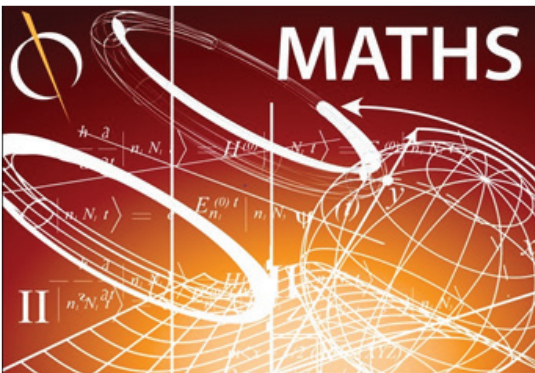
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Newsletter 3 - Students Section

Welcome to week 3 of our countdown to PCS. This week we'd like to introduce you to our Head of Maths and English, two people that you will be seeing a lot of!



I hope you are well, I am Mr Leonce, the Head of Maths here at PCS. We in the maths team are very much looking forward to meeting you.



Maths is a subject that goes far beyond what you do in the classroom and teaches you the skills to think creatively to solve problems. You will all have been working on some fantastic maths at your primary schools and we are looking forward to building on that here at PCS.

In maths we look to study all things numbers related, but also look at building reasoning and problem-solving skills in our students. We do this by looking at different branches of maths such as number skills, geometry and data.

You will look at techniques and methods that were discovered by famous mathematicians of the past and to help inspire you to become the mathematicians of the future.

Alongside our maths teaching team, we are very lucky to have a lovely maths specialist teaching assistant, Ms Tait, who may work closely with some of you.

I am setting some maths challenges for you to attempt before you even join us:

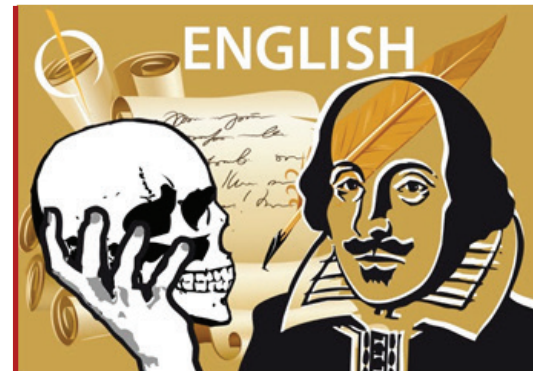
- Create a poster showing activities that you, or the people you live with, have done over the summer holidays that required the use of maths, this could be:
 - Time you have spent trying something new
 - Distances you have covered during your daily exercise
 - Measuring ingredients when helping with the cooking
- Learn the names of polygons from 3 sides to 10 sides
- Research the origin of why polygons are named as they are, draw, label and even try your creative skills by making one

Don't forget to keep your work safe to bring in and share with us. We are looking forward to displaying them in one of our maths classrooms.

Please do enjoy your summer, I can't wait to meet you all.

Best wishes,

Mr Leonce and the Maths team



Dear Year 6,

I hope this finds you safe and well. I am Miss Haywood, the Head of English at PCS. On behalf of the English department, we are all very excited to meet you.



English is a core subject that helps you make progress across all of your subjects as it helps you to be a confident reader, writer, speaker and listener. Strong communication skills help you to build relationships with other people.

In English, we combine English Language, the study of language, fiction and non-fiction and different styles of writing, and English Literature, the study of plays, poetry, short stories and novels.

You will read a wide range of texts from lots of different writers ranging from classic literature like Shakespeare to modern novels like 'Holes'. You will read poetry from writers all over the world and use your creativity to write your own poems to share and perform.



You will build on the fantastic writing skills you have developed in primary school to write in a variety of styles to inform, entertain, persuade and describe different topics and issues.

Your oracy skills will be important in every single lesson, whether that's sharing your opinions with the person sitting next to you or giving a speech to the whole class.

Reading is a great way to ensure you continue to make academic progress when you are on holidays and it is also a brilliant escape that is good for your mental health and overall well being.

Reading can be a way to transport yourself to another world with characters you get to know and care about.

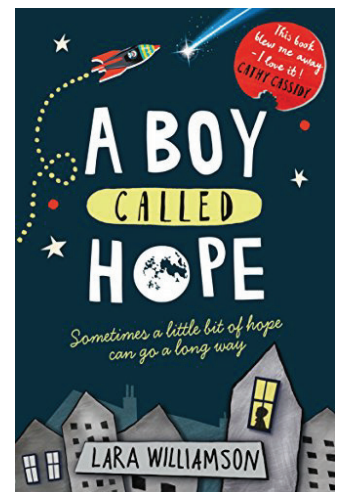
Every year we do a **PCS Big Summer Read** and ask all of our Y6's, along with all our older

students and staff at PCS, to read the same book so you can talk about it with each other when you join us.

Talking about books is fun and it's a great way to get to know new people. With this in mind, we have some challenges for you over the summer!

- We would like you to read for at least half an hour every week - you could make a reading journal, recording each week what you have read and your thoughts about it. You can find some reading lists on the PCS website if you need some inspiration for books to read.

- Send photos of yourself reading in unusual places (staying safe of course!) and send them in to Miss Langridge who is our KS3 coordinator; she will be the judge and give prizes out in the first week back: vikki.langridge@swale.at



- We would like you all to attempt The PCS Big Summer Read which this year is '**A Boy Called Hope**' by Lara Williamson. [Click here](#) to view it on Amazon.

Have a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to seeing you soon and remember, those that read, succeed!

Miss Haywood and the English team.



Transition Leader

I will be joining PCS soon. What advice would you give to help me not to worry too much about all of the different changes?

J from Peacehaven

Dear Year 6

I know you may feel nervous and anxious about starting PCS. I know I did and that is totally ok.

One of my fears was that no one would know I was dyslexic and I would struggle to keep up, but it was fine because Miss Gould at Telscombe had spoken with PCS and all my teachers were made aware of it.

I know after my transition week, I thought I am never going to be able to find my way around the school, it seems massive compared to our lovely little primary schools, but it took 1 week for me to know my way around.

Another fear I had was not being able to make new friends. I can be quite shy, but I didn't need to worry. My tutor group is the best, even though it is made up of children from all different schools we get on so well and are great friends.

My main piece of advice would be if you are worried, upset or anxious about anything please ask for help. There are lots of people who can help and students who will point you in the right direction.

Be happy

Year 7 student

Parent Corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for getting in touch with us this week via our email

Many of the questions asked were around the transition events that we were planning.

Meet the Mentor Appointments
On either 27th or 28th June, you and your child/children will be invited to come in and meet the most important person and your first point of contact at PCS next year.

Your one to one appointment date and time has been sent out via post so please get in touch with us on the email below if you haven't yet received your appointment letter.

Taster Days

11th & 12th July for A Band students (7T1, 7T2, 7T3 & 7T4)

13th & 14th July for B Band students (7T1, 7T2, 7T3 & 7T4)

Any questions or enquiries, please email:

PCS-yr6transition@swale.at

If your enquiry requires the attention of our SEND department, please email:

PCS-SENDyr6transition@swale.at



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Parent Transition Workshop

CLASS and CLASS+ have collaborated to bring you a parent workshop focused on supporting transition from Primary to Secondary school. This workshop is designed to support parents of autistic children

and parents of children who are on the autism pathway.

This workshop will explore key transition themes and use both the experience and knowledge from CLASS and CLASS+ staff to provide ideas, advice and top tips to support you with your child's transition to secondary school.

You will receive the CLASS Moving On Up To Secondary Transition booklet as a resource that can be used to support your child's transition.

CLASS+ and CLASS are running 5 Virtual transition workshops on the following dates

14th June 10:00-11:30am

22nd June 1:00-2:30pm

28th June 7:00-8:30pm

7th July 10:00-11:30pm

15th July 10:00- 11:30pm

To book onto one of our virtual transition workshops follow the link below. You will be emailed a Microsoft Teams link before the day of the workshop.

Each workshop has limited spaces available and please only book onto 1 workshop date. This workshop is for parents only and is targeted for parents whose child is transitioning between year 6 & year 7.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/class-and-class-parents-virtual-transition-workshop-tickets-345577039227>

For any queries do contact CLASS on **01273336887**