

the Transition News

The newspaper for St Mary's transition

WELCOME FROM THE YEAR 7 PASTORAL TEAM



MISS RAMSDEN
TRANSITION
COORDINATOR



MRS WILLIAMS
HEAD OF YEAR



MR JOHNSON
ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR



MRS DALE
TRANSITION MENTOR



MR BODEN
SENIOR LINK



MRS TENNISON
SENIOR LINK

Welcome to St Mary's

We are here to help you and to make sure you settle in to St Mary's college.

Every ship needs a steady hand and an experienced captain, and they do not come more highly regarded than Miss Ramsden. Having overseen many successful transitions to our school, she really is the right person to make sure your transition into Year 7 runs as smoothly and effortlessly as possible. Mixing transition alongside her teaching in languages, Miss Ramsden can even guide you on your way in Spanish and French. She is our very own Jordan Henderson and will help you reach the top of the league in your studies. Mrs Williams will be there to lead the year group and keep you up to date on all that is happening in Year 7. She is an experienced Head of Year who has just said goodbye to her previous Year 11. Mrs Williams is also a languages teacher and is possibly the most organised person you will ever meet! She already knows lots about you all and is really looking forward to building a strong Year 7 reputation and she wants you all to succeed from day one! Mrs Dale is there to make sure you are happy, feel safe and have a friendly face to come

to if you need anything. She is one of our most experienced mentors and will always greet you with a warm smile and helpful manner. She is the one who is usually around the office most and is always there for you if you have a problem or need someone to talk to. Like Miss Ramsden, she is very experienced and has been involved in transition for several years. Every year group has a senior link – someone from the senior management team who is there to oversee your progression, behaviour, and successes. Year 7 are very lucky to have two in Mr Boden and Mrs Tennison. When he's not teaching History, Mr Boden is in charge of our trainee teachers, making sure you have the very best teachers for the future. He believes education should be fun and exciting, but also have the challenge to push you to achieve your full potential. Mrs Tennison is an excellent English teacher and believes that literacy and enjoyment of reading is key to your success. With the backing of the excellent Year 7 team, their mission is to ensure you succeed in all you undertake at our school.

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Thoughts from a year 7 student



Reflecting on her time in year 7, Evie admits that she did feel a little nervous about coming to St Mary's as there was only her and one other student from her school. However, she said that after one morning she felt she had been here for years. When asked about what makes St Mary's so special, she said it was the community spirit which was great, and she loved how everyone smiled and made you feel welcome. Another thing she liked was the lessons. When asked to elaborate, she said "there is always so much going on, the teachers are fun and make sure you work your hardest. They always do their best to make sure you reach your targets" It was a difficult year for her, as a lot of her learning was done online. However, she said that this did not affect her in any way, as the lessons used the latest in technology and fun retention games to ensure she remained on track. She was also impressed how her tutors always kept in touch, and the work she was given was returned electronically, ensuring she could achieve her highest potential. Alongside this, she has taken advantage of our excellent enrichment activities, playing for the football team and taking part in netball and trampolining.

MEET THE TUTOR'S



Mrs Wilson - Art and Design
"St Mary's a fantastic place to be. The staff are all so supportive and you will soon feel at home here".



Mrs Burnett - MFL
"Be open to new things: new friends, new subjects, new ways of learning and new activities".



Miss Fox - Drama
"Look forward to experiencing exciting subjects that you maybe haven't looked at before in detail. St Mary's is a fantastic place to learn and make lots of new friends".



Transition lessons.

Experience your lessons through using the transition homework booklet sent to you through the post.

Make the most of your transition learning

In the absence of a "live" transition week, we hope you are having a great time completing the transition homework booklet you must complete. Here at St Mary's we pride ourselves on the fantastic quality of work which our students produce and are always amazed at the amazing quality, imagination and skills shown by all our transition students.

We hope you're enjoying the live inputs from Miss Ramsden and Mrs Williams and that this is giving you a face to the names of people who you will be becoming extremely familiar with in the year ahead. Whether you're honing your writing skills with the English lesson sand completing a letter to your future selves, becoming a numeracy ninja in maths, or even finding your way

around the world with geography, we hope you have as much fun completing your work booklet and independent tasks as we did in making them. You could even try out your new linguistic skills in Spanish and French – don't forget a quick 'hola' or 'bonjour' to your friends.

In addition to this, remember to complete your daily P.E challenge. Just click on the videos and try and compete against yourself and your friends to become fitter, healthier, and full of energy. If you are still a little unsure, remember to log on to our live Q and A sessions with the transition team, and our friendly, helpful and experienced Year 7 team will put your mind at ease and allay all of the worries you may have.

Remember, it's not about doing the best, it's about doing YOUR best.

Book a spot with our reading wizards!

To ensure literacy and reading have remained at the forefront of our minds during lockdown, we have had the lovely Miss Roberts as our literacy co-ordinator. Aably aided by the LRC manager, Mr Barratt, she has ensured the library has remained stocked with new and exciting titles for you all to read. Despite the library having to close due to COVID, she ensured 'book bubbles' remained for each year group and promoted a virtual book club for students to enjoy. Despite the chal-

lenges of the last year, World Book Week and our famed Harry Potter night still went ahead, and the students produced some amazing and innovative work. If you struggle with reading, but want to read more, we are also introducing a "book buddy" system, where a lovely sixth form student will read with you to boost your vocabulary and understanding of literature. We believe reading is one of the most important things to do at St Mary's, so pick up a book and transport yourself to another world.