



## 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 our Year 7 Pastoral Support Managers, Ms Fernee and Ms Robinson,



Ms. Turner, Assistant Headteacher, and eight mentors.



***We are all looking forward to meeting you.***

You might be wondering what a Pastoral Leader and Pastoral Support Manager does.

We 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 vision:

- **Aspire**
- **Believe**
- **Contribute**
- **Achieve**

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.

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](mailto: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 Team

Mrs McCaughan and Ms Turner



## Parent Corner

Transition to secondary school is a crucial and significant journey, and we highly appreciate its importance.

Consequently, we strive to provide a comprehensive transition programme that upholds the highest expectations for our students, instils our PCS Values, and offers them a warm and engaging welcome to the PCS Community.

We have already visited several primary schools to gather information about each student.

Our team, in collaboration with transition leaders, will visit every Year 6 child in their respective schools to address any queries they may have regarding PCS.

Some of your children may have participated in many master classes throughout last term and may already feel comfortable and confident about coming to PCS.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be arranging appointments with staff from the Year 7 team and inviting students to attend our taster days.

We will keep you informed about all these developments in the forthcoming newsletters.



## 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?

*Hello! I wanted to tell you that moving from Year 6 to Year 7 isn't as scary as it might seem at first. It's totally normal to feel nervous - we all went through it at PCS! But don't worry, everyone at our school is here to support you because we understand how you feel.*

*The only mistake you can make is not asking the questions you have. It's okay to feel unsure – just ask! Every teacher is happy to help you. Remember, it's better to talk about your feelings than keep them to yourself.*

*When you start at PCS, you'll get your timetable and meet your mentor who will explain everything. This is a good time to ask any questions. You might want to join a club or the school football team to meet new friends and have fun!*

*PCS might seem big at first, but you'll get to know your way around soon. If you need help, just ask! Your secondary school life is about to begin, and I know you'll enjoy it.*

*Take care,  
Yr 7 student*



## 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 ROYAL BLUE STRIPED TIE -  
AVAILABLE TO ORDER FROM  
PREMIER SPORTS



## PCS PE KIT

### PE ADVICE & GUIDANCE PDF

\* T-SHIRT AND SHORTS WITH  
SCHOOL LOGO - AVAILABLE TO  
ORDER FROM PREMIER SPORTS  
FROM 1ST JULY 2023

\* 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.

## YEAR 7

## ROYAL BLUE TIE

BLACK PLAIN V NECK JUMPER  
(OPTIONAL)

BLACK SCHOOL SHOES - SMART,  
LEATHER

NO SOFT SOLES, TRAINERS  
OR BOOTS