

Dear Year 7, class of 2021,

Welcome to our 1st Woodrush Transition Newsletter!

We are really pleased that you will be starting with us at Woodrush in September! Starting secondary school is an exciting time but some students may sometimes feel a little nervous or anxious at times about starting a new school. We want to reassure you that we will support you during this transition period by setting up lots of interesting transition activities and by sharing key information with you so you can learn more about how amazing Woodrush is and feel confident and excited about starting.

We are currently updating our Transition area on the school website. This will be a useful place to find the key information you need to know before September.

We are also looking forward to you meeting your form tutors during webinars the week commencing 5th July. Your parents/ carers will be provided with the dates, time and link for this meeting.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our team of key staff and let you know how the team will help support you during your move to Woodrush.



Transition Co-ordinator

I am Miss Jones, the Transition Co-ordinator at Woodrush. My job is to work behind the scenes to make sure that your start at secondary school is a smooth one – by talking to your primary school teachers, making sure that you get the information you need, and organising activities to support you with settling in when you start in September.

Year 7 Pastoral Team

Mr Deare – Head of Year 7

I am Mr Deare and I will be your Head of Year when you start Woodrush in September. I will make sure you settle into Woodrush life and that you enjoy each day at school; learning in the classroom, meeting with friends at break and lunchtimes and getting involved in the many after school activities such as our sport, music, art and drama clubs.



Ms Francis - Year 7 Progress Leader

I am Ms Francis and I will be your progress leader when you start Woodrush in September. I will be there to support your learning in your first year. Mr Deare and I share the Year 7 office and we call ourselves the 'Year 7 dream team'. Between us we hope to offer all the support you will need to thrive and be happy at Woodrush.

We hope you are now feeling a bit more excited about starting at Woodrush?! However, you may still have lots of questions you would like the answers to! Please find attached some frequently asked questions and answers which may help answer them. It is important to us that we answer your questions over the next couple of weeks. So to help us to support you, please **complete the online form by Friday 2nd July** (click on the link below). Please note that this form is confidential, and your responses will only be shared with the Transition Team.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3dKZuYQ6Q0SjVjA-KS2O0kbaG6A18CpEkWUmTO6tZeRUN1ZQNVZGSFozMkxPTkswMDVJR0dSMkICRy4u>

We look forward to seeing you in September and during your form webinars!

Keep smiling, stay happy and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

The Woodrush Transition Team