



Year 6 Transition Newsletter



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Dear Year 6 students, parents and carers

Welcome to our second Transition Newsletter. It's been a really busy week for us at Caedmon College and Whitby Sixth Form as we've welcomed all of our students back onto site. As part of the government arrangements about how secondary schools and sixth form colleges should reopen, we've been carrying out mass coronavirus testing using lateral flow devices. We have established our 'assisted testing centre' in the Fitness Suite / Dance Studio on the Normanby site, run by a fantastic group of colleagues from our technician and admin teams. They've carried out something approaching 1500 tests in the last week or so and are doing an amazing job in helping us all look after each other's health and well-being at the moment.

This week Year 6 I thought I'd introduce you to some of the key people you'll get to know over the coming months and certainly by the time you join us in September. I hope you enjoy reading their pen portraits.

Hello Year 6

Writing this message has been the first reason for me to open my laptop in quite a few months, but I can't think of a nicer task to ease myself back into work mode. I am currently enjoying maternity leave but intend to be back in school by the time you join us, so I too will be very new to the building again during Transition Week. Mrs Wood will have a map prepared for me too no doubt just in case I have forgotten where my office is!



My role as Director of Learning is to make sure that you are enjoying and progressing in your subjects, so I aim to get to know you and your interests as quickly as possible. I am planning to meet many of you after Easter when I visit some primary schools, but in the meantime, I will continue enjoying daily walks and time with my 6-month-old son. I really hope you are enjoying being back in your primary schools. A huge well done to you and your family for handling another home-learning lockdown - I am very excited to see how amazing your ICT skills must now be!

Mrs Harrison

Hello Year 6

We are the Pastoral team and we are here to help every student with any worries or problems small or large anytime throughout the day.

Mrs Wood is the crazy one, Mr Taylor is the handsome, bald one and Mrs Pound is the calm, organised one! We all have a good relationship with each other and coming into work each day to work with Caedmon students is, for us, an absolute pleasure.

We all trying to keep fit and use the Normanby site gym after school quite often. Mrs Pound enjoys walking her dog Moss; Mr Taylor likes his cars and football - but unfortunately supports Leeds United; and Mrs Wood loves walking and everything 'outdoors' but particularly spending time with her grandchildren. We are all looking forward to meeting you very soon.

Mrs Wood (left), Mr Taylor (right) and Mrs Pound (bottom)



Hello Year 6

I am the Director of Learning for our current Year 7 students whilst Mrs Harrison is on maternity leave. Very simply, together with the Pastoral team, I look after our Year 7 students, many of whom you will know well from primary school. As well as making sure that they are making progress with their learning, I do my best to help solve any problems Year 7 students might have. I am also a science teacher - I think it is the best subject in school because we get to do experiments! I have been keeping Mrs Harrison's chair warm whilst she has been away and will be handing it back to her when she returns. At the weekend and during holidays I love walking and I'm trying to get a bit better at running too! I can't wait to meet you all soon.

Ms Fleetwood



Hello Year 6

If they went to high school in Whitby, ask your mum and dad if they remember me. I've been teaching at Caedmon College for 25 years. I enjoy being here so much that I've never left! I teach maths at the college because, well it's simply the best subject ever! I am also in charge of Whitby Sixth Form and am very busy at the moment helping many of our older students get ready for university. I can remember the current Year 13 when they were in Year 7 and I always knew then that they would go on to become the wonderful young adults they are now. I am looking forward to spending the next 7 years getting to know you.

If I had a superpower it would be the ability to play a musical instrument. Mrs Beattie, our music teacher, is a great music teacher and I know she would encourage me.



Ms Boyd

Hello Year 6

Probably the most enjoyable thing I do at Caedmon College is to take Year 7 on a camping trip! For those of you that do not know, in the second week of term in September after you've arrived at Caedmon we take all of our new Year 7 students camping in Commondale. It is a great way for you to get to know students from other schools and make new friends. You will stay in tents, have a campfire, cook on a camp stove and even attempt to find fluorescent Polo mints at night! We know from your primary school headteachers that, as Year 6s you are probably running your school right now. During your time at Caedmon you'll have the chance to become involved in our Student Parliament. Enjoy the rest of your time at primary school and I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Mr Graham



Hello Year 6.

We're really looking forward to you joining us in September. As well as being Caedmon's headteacher, I also teach maths. I think my favourite topic is algebra. Students often begin by thinking it's just a jumble of letters but I like to think about it as being a series of puzzles that you can enjoy solving. You'll really enjoy your time here at Caedmon; all of the staff and older students will help you settle in really quickly. If I had a superpower, I'd love to be able to draw and paint as well as our art teachers and some of our amazing GCSE and A Level students - they are so talented!

Mr Riley



Hello Year 6.

It's lovely to be able to see 'hello' to you. It really will not be very long before we get chance to all be together on the Normanby site. I am a history teacher and really love sharing amazing stories from the past with students. I also teach Law, as well as History at Whitby Sixth Form. As part of my senior leadership responsibilities, I am involved in helping run our amazing ICT facilities – several computer rooms, chromebooks, iPads, video cameras and other pieces of technology - that we use to make your learning fun. I have an enormous labrador called 'Henry' who has helped keep me active during lockdown. Can you guess why a history teacher might have gone for this name?

Mr Whelan

Mr Whelan's comments about our ICT facilities reminds me that we'll be setting up Google accounts for all of our new students in the near future and will write to you again soon with username details and how to reset passwords.

In the meantime, good luck with the last two weeks leading up to your Easter holidays Year 6.

Simon Riley

Principal

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