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Head of Year 7
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I'm Mrs Farley and I also came to Penwortham Priory Academy as a pupil. I still remember the nerves and excitement at the reality of going to secondary school. Although it can feel overwhelming, I'd like to reassure you that we have some of the best facilities, friendliest staff, and truly wonderful pupils that all work together to make the transition as smooth as possible for you.



I'm really excited for you to see what Priory has to offer and I'm looking forward to welcoming you as a new Year 7 pupil in September.

In this leaflet you will find some information about how we make the process of moving from your primary school as easy as possible, so that you can enjoy every minute!

If you are offered a place, I will be visiting your primary school to see you, but if you have any questions in the meantime, you can email or arrange an appointment to see me.

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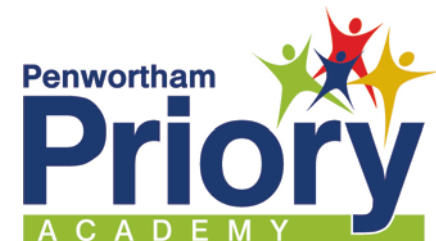
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To ensure our young people have a teacher who knows them well, their form tutor will be their Learning for Life teacher too. This ensures consistency across the day, as your son/daughter's form tutor will register them in the morning and will see them again at the end of the day to also teach their Learning for Life lessons. We also have peer mentors who are pupils in Year 10 and Year 11, trained to support and nurture Year 7 on their transition. As Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley is also a consistent first point of contact for pupils.

Pupils are split into four houses; **Calder**, **Douglas**, **Hodder** and **Ribble** who compete in inter-house events throughout the school year such as quizzes, sports, World Book Day, maths challenges and much more.

Pupil Transition Events

When you are offered a place at Priory, there are a range of events that you and your parents will be able to attend to make settling in to Priory easier:

New Pupils & Parents Evening

A chance for parents and guardians to raise any questions, find out what will be happening in September, buy a tie and meet your form tutor, House Leaders, support staff and other pupils from your form. Parents will receive a welcome pack which includes our handbook and pupils will be given creative tasks to complete over summer to keep your brains busy.

Induction Day

Whilst you are still at your primary school, you will come and meet your form tutor again, have a day of lessons to get to know your way around and you'll even enjoy a school lunch on us! Extra support days can be arranged should you wish to make the transition even smoother.

Summer School

We are pleased to say that we will be running our very popular Summer School again for our new intake. Two days of fun

activities based around being prepared for school but also getting to know your new year group and your teachers. It has been really well received over previous years and we hope to see you there!

First day

On your first day we'll gather you all together before Peer Mentors escort you to your form room to get your timetable. You'll have a normal school day to get into the routine from the start, but you'll get to go for an early lunch and use a separate break and lunch area.

Settle Factor Evening

A report will be sent home after your first month at school to let you know how well we think you're settling in. Your parents will then be able to come and chat to your form tutor about this report and raise any questions they may have.



Mr Eastham

Mr Eastham, Principal

