



Dear Year 7 Pupil,

I am writing to introduce you to me, your new class teacher for the next academic year of 2021/2022, and to tell you a little about what to expect next year. This year has been very different again: we haven't been able to have our 'normal' transition days; we haven't had a chance to share a little bit about ourselves in any depth; we haven't even stepped inside our new classroom. This doesn't mean I am any less excited because I can't wait to be your teacher next year.

So, welcome to Year 7 and to our new class, 7LR. In September, Y7 will be taught by Mr Pass (Science Lead) and me. We will be joined by Mrs Harding - she is an amazingly creative Teaching Assistant and is also a member of our fabulous Wellbeing Team. How cool is that!? Some of you will have seen me around school. Maybe you have been taught by me for some subjects in the past? It really doesn't matter! You are now in KS3 and embarking upon your secondary education - a huge step forwards! Our classroom will be where I am based now (in the main corridor by the Office) and our lockers will be just outside our classroom too so you won't have to walk far. I hope that you will enjoy your transition in September and your final year at St. Barnabas. I will try my very best to make it special. Whether you have been with us at St. Barnabas since you were in Reception, Year 5 or you are joining us this year, we hope that while you are at our school you will continue to make many friends, have fun and enjoy learning many new things. My name is Mrs Reeder (odd spelling!) and...

...this is me:



Random facts about me:

- My favourite beach is called Crantock
- My favourite colour is cobalt blue
- I love Anthony Horowitz books
- I love Disney films
- I love Marmite and Philadelphia (but not together)
- I'm quite good at cooking lasagne
- I'm not very good at baking cakes...yet!
- I like to run in the rain
- I don't like sitting in traffic
- I prefer roast potatoes to mash
- I prefer live music to pre-recorded tracks

I live in a village near Droitwich in an upside-down house (my kitchen, lounge and dining space are upstairs instead!) but I grew up on the Welsh border. I have a three-year-old son called Max. At the moment, he is a big fan of noodles and loves nothing more than a bike ride. He is my world and I am extremely proud of him. At home, I also have two dogs who are called Maisie and Ochre (they're Labrador sisters from the same litter). Despite being eleven-years-old, they really love playing and chasing each other around my house. Ochre, who I named after a colour, really believes she is a human; she wants to eat everything that we eat and curl up on the sofa too (even when she's not allowed on the furniture!). Maisie likes to mooch and have her back rubbed.

You will be my thirteenth class (don't worry, I am not triskaidekaphobic - afraid of the number thirteen, by the way!). Some of the children who were in my first ever class have just qualified as teachers themselves - how cool is that!? If you're not familiar with me or the school, I am the English Leader right across the school and I think reading and writing are the keys to being a successful learner. In my spare time, I like to write poems. I enter lots of competitions and have even been a finalist for Worcestershire Poet laureate on more than one occasion. I am even in the middle of writing my first children's book. Watch this space - I may read you a chapter...or two!

As a teacher, I like to make things fun and meaningful. I like to look at the world as if I was still a child because I still have questions about the world too. In the Autumn term, I am really looking forward to exploring war poetry with you. I have very high expectations, from how you present your work in your books to how you walk quietly throughout the school, and I will never accept anyone being: rude, lazy or unkind to adults or children. It is really important that you take the responsibility of being in the top year of the school seriously. All of the younger pupils will now look up to you. I hope that you will make me proud by representing the best version of yourself at all times. I will try to do the same alongside you.

I simply cannot wait to welcome you back into school and into my class of 7LR in September. We will learn lots of new things together and share many giggles along the way. Some children in school may think my laugh is a little scary but I have a very big heart and I rarely raise my voice. I can't promise to be perfect: I forget things quite regularly (sometimes mid-conversation) and I have very high-pitched sneezes which may make you jump. However, one thing I can promise is that I will work really hard every single day and I will do all that I can to make Year 7 the best year possible for you and your class.

I hope you have a wonderful Summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Reeder 😊

Important information

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