



Dear 7OP

I am writing to introduce you to me (Mr Pass), 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 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, 7OP. In September, Year 7 will be taught by Mrs Reeder (English Lead) and me (Science Lead). 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!? Whichever class you are in, you will have lessons with all members of the Year 7 team throughout the year. 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 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. 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.

A few facts about me:

- I live in Worcester.
- I studied History and Politics at the University of East Anglia.
- My favourite subjects at school were History and Science.
- Some of my favourite books include the Harry Potter series and murder mystery novels by Agatha Christie.
- While I was at university, I used to play the drums in a rock band!
- I have been learning how to play the guitar for the past few years.
- Football is my favourite sport and I support Liverpool FC! I play 6 a side football twice every week in a 6 a side league. When I was at secondary school, I used to play football for Drotiwich (sadly my football career never really took off).



Year 7 will be very different to previous years. You will be the oldest students and as such we expect you to be role models for the younger pupils. As Year 7 students, we will ask you to help around school in many ways - there will be so many jobs, so be ready to volunteer. Can you think of jobs that you can remember seeing Year 7 students carrying out in previous years?

Year 7 staff will be required to select prefects within the first few weeks - we will be watching from the first minute on the first day to see how you conduct yourselves; how you speak to one another; how you behave in the class and outside; how hard you work and how organised and reliable you are. Will you be ready for this new challenge?

Year 7 will also be great fun - we have many activities and events ready to excite you; help your learning; encourage independence and responsibility. Will you be ready to take advantage of these new opportunities?

The Year 7 staff have very high expectations - we expect you to:

Work hard
Have good manners at all times
Try new things - be brave
Collaborate and participate
Be proud & believe in yourselves
Help others
Be organised, ready and prepared
Listen carefully
Use kind words
Laugh with each other
Do your best

Over the summer holidays, please keep reading and practising your times tables.
We look forward to seeing you in September, ready and fresh for Year 7.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Pass

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