

PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to introduce myself as the Personal Development Leader for next year's cohort of Year 7. There have recently been some changes to the staffing structure, and the information you received in the original welcome pack is now a little different.

I will be working with your child throughout their five years at Penair School, and also during this period of transition from Year 6 to 7. I will be overseeing their pastoral wellbeing as well as their academic progress and as the job title suggests, their personal development throughout their entire Penair School learning journey. I look forward to getting to know your children very well and to working with you, whether as first time parents / carers at the school, or if you have older children who have been through our doors.

I would also like to update you on progress of the Transition process so far.

In the last few weeks, I have had very positive online meetings with many of the partner primary school Year 6 teachers and these will continue in this final half term. SEN and Safeguarding staff have also made contact with many of the primary school staff, so we are well on track with gathering the vital information about students from our primary colleagues.

Transition Days

We are looking forward to welcoming students as follows:

Tuesday 29th June students from Archbishop Benson, Bosvigo, Devoran, Kea and St Mary's schools.

Wednesday 30th June students from St Erme with Trispen and Tregolls, and all other students.

Students will need to be dropped off at Penair School ready for a **9am** start and the day will run until **3pm**. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and water / drinks for the day. They should not wear school uniform, but they will need to wear comfortable, practical clothing and footwear as they will be undertaking a variety of activities on the day, which may include some sport and outdoor events.

Our transition days are usually an opportunity for students to meet their new form groups and tutors, but this year, following consultation with our partner primary schools, we will be keeping students in their school bubbles (those students from much smaller cohorts will be grouped) and limiting their contact with the rest of Penair School.

Our staff are planning a range of lessons and our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) will be running teambuilding activities for the final session of the day, so students can get a flavour of what is on offer at Penair School. We hope that this will be an enjoyable day and that it will give students a chance to come and look around, to meet some staff and to begin to familiarise themselves with our school.

Parent Information

It is still not possible for us all to meet together in person for our usual style of parent information evening. Last year we successfully used online platforms to share key information with parents and this year I will again be sharing with you a series of videos covering topics which I hope will be informative for parents / carers and students alike. To assist with this, please could you use the following link to access an online form to help me to shape the content of my videos, to ensure we are providing all of the information that parents / carers need:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sUmfiFVF4d>

The videos, along with a further information booklet will be made available closer to the time of the Transition Days.

Q and A Sessions

It is hoped that after the transition days most primary schools will receive a visit by a member of Penair staff (either myself, Mr Sharpe or Mr Davidson) for a short after school parental Q+A session, to mop up any questions which haven't been covered in the online videos. This will have to fit in with any planned primary school events and our own availability but we hope to visit as many as possible and the dates for these sessions will be finalised with primary schools in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions during this process, please do contact me:

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Yours sincerely,

Bryony Dawson

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