

Good morning,

I hope you have been busy back at school or taking part in your home learning. We are still working hard getting ready for you to arrive and I want to explain a little how we organise you as a year group.

We have 210 new year sevens joining us in September. So, to make it easier we have split you in to 7 Progress Tutor groups. These are called, 7 Bronte A, 7 Hockney B, 7 Salt C, 7 Bronte D, 7 Hockney E, 7 Salt F, 7 Bronte G. As you might have guessed each form is part of one of our three houses.

Once you arrive at Parkside, you will be given a sticker with your name and your Progress Tutor group. Now you will know which tutor group you are in and what house you are in.

I know some of you will have been with your friends since reception and you will want to be with them in Year 7, but this isn't always possible. Starting secondary school is a chance to make new friends. I know some of you will be nervous about meeting new people but that's a normal feeling and it's nothing to worry about. Some students are the only student coming from their primary school and so it's important that you all introduce yourselves and be kind to people who might not know anyone.

- **TASK** – It will be your task to make two new friends in your first week at Parkside School.

Sometimes you will be taught a lesson as a Progress Tutor group, sometimes you will be mixed up with other Progress Tutor groups. So just because you are in a Progress Tutor group with someone doesn't mean you will be in all the same lessons.

You will meet your Progress Tutor every morning for 15 minutes. In this time, we hold assemblies, engage with learning activities, discuss current affairs and complete uniform and equipment checks.

Transition: As mentioned previously we are a little uncertain about how transition will work this year, but we are very keen to spend some time with our new Y7 but this may be in September. As soon as we have confirmation it will be detailed here.

Life at Parkside: Uniform – The official school uniform list is on our website.

<https://parksideschool.net/parents/student-uniform>

Andrew Firths (Keighley) supplies all our uniform and all details can be found here:

<http://henrysmith-andrewfirth.co.uk/parkside.html>

Please see my email dated 12/6/2020 regarding the purchasing of uniform.

Each student will be allocated in to one of our three houses, Bronte, Hockney or Salt. Each house has their own coloured tie. The coloured ties are available to buy from school for £5.50. The ties that are sold in school are Eco ties and have been made from recycled

water bottles. Students will not be expected to have their tie before they start at Parkside. They can buy their tie on the first day.

Top Tip: Be organised! It's now time to begin to think about what equipment you might need. You are responsible for bringing your own equipment each day. So, here are some items you might want to add to your bag.

Pen (you might want to have a few in case one runs out!)

Pencil

Rubber

Ruler

Calculator

There are more items which might come in handy but these are the basic items which you will be expected to have and your progress tutors will be checking on a morning.

I hope you and your families are staying safe.

Regards

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