

Dear Parents and Carers of the soon to be Year 7 Students,

The time for your lovely children to embark on their secondary school journey at KWS is nearly upon us! I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Alex Dunkley and I am the Year 7 Coordinator for 2021. My role is to oversee the pastoral care and academic performance of the Year 7 cohort.

Year 7 is the first year of secondary schooling and is a big step in a child's journey to adulthood. For some starting year 7 is a time full of nerves and anxiety. For others it is the beginning of an exciting new chapter. As the Year 7 Coordinator it is important to support the individual needs of each student, hold their hand as they take these first nerve-wracking steps or act as a guiding and supportive advisor (that goes for the parents too, for whom this transition is often just as new, nerve-wracking and exciting). Please rest assured your child is starting a fabulous adventure, and all adventures have challenges and victories, but he or she will be supported by us at all stages.

I also look forward to meeting most, if not all of you at the Orientation day at the end of January in 2021. Please come and introduce yourself and your child to me. Feel free also to come and have a chat and ask questions about anything that is of concern or anything that requires clarification.

In the meantime, please read through the <u>2021 Year 7 Handbook</u> with your child. For any additional information relating to your child's commencement in 2021, please refer to the <u>New Student Information</u> page on the school website. I hope this can help you prepare for what is to come next year.

Until then, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful new year! Here's hoping that it is far less tumultuous than 2020!

Warm regards,

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