

Transition Bulletin

Message from Mrs Hale, Assistant Head of School

Dear our newest member of SET Ixworth,

It is with great pleasure that we are able to welcome you back into school in person for our extensive transition programme.

We are really looking forward to meeting you in person and showing you around SET Ixworth, a school where I am very proud to be the Assistant Head of School. There really is no substitute for meeting new friends face to face.

I have worked here for five years and in this time I have seen the school grow from strength to strength. The staff body are absolutely committed to making our school the very best it can be for every one of you. We want to offer you and your families the support you require to experience a happy and calm transition to senior school. Please read through part one of our transition bulletin to learn important information about your next steps.



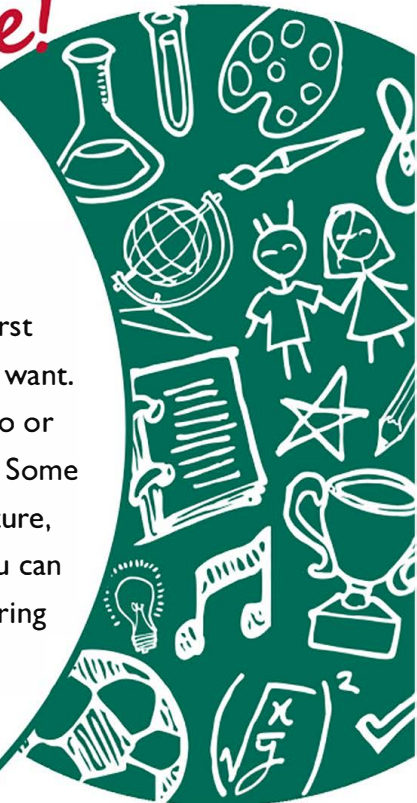
Please remember to return your data forms to the school reception

First challenge!

Over the next few months, we will be setting a series of fun challenges for you to complete.

These offer an opportunity to show off your skills and individuality by introducing yourself in a creative way! Your first challenge allows you to be as creative and as imaginative as you want. The task is to teach us a little about you. We want to learn two or three things about you and you can do this in any way you wish. Some examples are; a picture, painting, slide show, video, song, sculpture, dance or news report. If you do not do this on a computer, you can take a picture or video. When we are back at school, please bring it and we will display these in School.

Please email your challenge to
jpledger@seckfordeducation.org.uk
 by Friday 2 June 2023



Key Members of Staff



Mr [Name] – Executive Headteacher

I am looking forward to welcoming you to our school. My role is to provide a positive environment for each and every student and to ensure your every success.

Favourite book: The Theory of Justice by John Rawls.

Most interesting fact: When I was studying for my first degree, I worked in a circus.

Mr Jackson – Deputy Head of School

I am responsible for many of the daily routines, processes and systems. My particular focus is on KS4 which is Y9-11 at our school. This includes the transition from Y9 to GCSE studies and the strategic overview of each of these year groups.

Favourite book: I read a lot of historical research and enjoy looking at the Ancient world, particularly Greek and Roman.

Most interesting fact: The Great Wall of China is the first known example of composite mortar using standard Lime mortar with a mixture of sticky rice. This gives it many features including making it extremely durable.



Mrs Hale - Assistant Head of School (Years 7 & 8)

I also teach Drama to all year groups.

Favourite book: Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Most interesting fact: An ex student of mine used to say 'You win some, you learn some' and I like to stick to his positive outlook when the going gets tough.

Mrs Heath - SENCO

Favourite book: Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

Most interesting fact: When I was 13 I had "Color Me Badd" (American R&B 90's group) sing me happy birthday on stage in front of 1000's of fans.



Mrs O'Halloran - Assistant SENCO and Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead

Favourite book: Goosebumps by R. L. Stine

Most interesting fact: You are actually moving when you are sitting still.



Miss Burgess – Year Achievement Lead for Year 7

Favourite book: Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts.

Most interesting fact: Plants panic and protect themselves when it rains.

Mr Cooper – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Support

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The Pastoral Team:



Mrs Randall



Miss Young



Ms Walker

The Pastoral team are here to help students regulate themselves during the school day, offer a place to Reset and enforce behaviour within our community.

Mr Paddy - Curriculum Plus Teacher

My role as Curriculum Plus teacher, involves supporting students who may struggle to access the school day. I help to provide a voice for the students and also model strategies to encourage them to be more successful in lessons and in unstructured parts of the day.



Ms Veneziani – Therapeutic Wellbeing Practitioner

I am based in Parks to provide emotional support for students through a strong and trusting relationship. I explore various strategies to enhance resilience. We use play, creativity and the arts.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please do not worry about finding your way around the School; we put lots of support and help in place over the first few weeks!

1 Will I get to meet anyone in my year before I start? There will be transition days on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June 2023.

3.
how long is
the school day?

The school day begins at 8.30am but most people arrive around 8.00am to get some breakfast.

The day ends
at 3.55pm.

2 What is a Tutor? A Tutor is a member of staff whose job it is to take care of their Tutor group. You will be in a Tutor group with around 25 students and you will have a Year 7 Tutor to make sure you are ready to succeed at school. They are the person your parent/ carer contacts if they need any information or help.

4 What will my first day be like at SET Ixworth School? On your first day, you will be met as you arrive and will immediately be in the care of teachers and our older students. They will make sure you get some breakfast and know where you are going. Following on from that, you will go to your Tutor room to get to know them, find out any information you need and to get your timetable. After a few hours, your lessons will start and your secondary school experience begins.

5 How will I find my way around School? For the first few days of school, you will be shown around the school by some older students who have the job of making sure you know where to go! It's quite easy to learn your way around once you've been here a couple of days.

7 Will I need my PE kit on the first day? Yes. You will receive your timetable on the first day and our PE staff like to start teaching you straight away so please make sure you have your PE kit with you. Once you have your timetable, you will just need to bring it on the days you have PE.

8 Will I get a locker? Yes, you will get a locker come September. This will be big enough to store your coat, bag and PE kit.

9 What if I forget something? Although our expectations are very high, we do know that this is a big step. For the first few weeks, our teachers will understand that it takes time to adjust. If you do forget something important, please talk to staff and we can often help.

10 Am I allowed my mobile phone? We understand that students will have their phones with them but they are to be switched off and remain in your bag throughout the school day. They may only be used before and after school but never on the school site.

11 Will I get a lot of homework? You will get weekly homework in English, Maths, Science and MFL (languages).

12.
when and
what can I eat?

You can get food and drink three times throughout the School day:

- Breakfast (before school): bread and butter, jam, fruit and squash
- Break: bread and butter, soup, fruit and squash
- Lunch: a rotating menu of hot food including options for anyone with dietary requirements, and Grab 'n' Go options

13 Are there extra-curricular clubs? Over the first few weeks of secondary school, you will be told about our extra-curricular opportunities and how to sign up to these. Some examples are: Music Club and Sports clubs.

6.
how will
I meet my
Tutor?

Meet the Tutor event
is 15th June 2023
5pm - 7pm

coming up!

"Meet The Tutor"
Wednesday 15 June, 5pm - 7pm.
Information for this will be sent out a few days before the event.

Mrs Hale will visit your primary school this Summer Term.

More fun challenges!

Transition Days Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June.

End of summer BBQ on Friday 2 August 4:30pm - 6pm