



**Achieving Excellence through a Values Driven Education**

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Dear future Y7 student

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Penistone Grammar School. We are overjoyed that you will be part of our class of 2029!

My name is Mrs Crook, I am Associate Vice Principal here at PGS, and one of the areas I lead on here is transition. I have previously worked as a teacher and Leader in primary schools, before I started teaching in secondary schools, so I know and really understand how exciting, but also nerve-racking, Transition can be.

The reason I write to you today is to let you know about all the exciting things we have planned for you. We know that you might be feeling nervous so to make sure you're ready to kick off a brilliant year, we have planned our exciting Transition Programme for you as detailed in the enclosed document, including our Transition Bootcamp in July!

In this Welcome Pack you will also find your Transition Take-Off Challenge Booklet. This booklet is a great way to get 'Transition ready' and includes 15 different challenges for you to complete, the first 10 can be completed whilst you are still in Year 6, and the remaining five once you have started at PGS. These challenges will help you get to know school, but also help us to get to know you too. As everything we do at PGS is rewards-led, if you complete all challenges, you will be in with the chance of attending our exciting Transition Reward Event which will be held in the Autumn Term.

Throughout your time at PGS, you will meet some amazing staff. The key people to help you along your Transition journey are detailed in the Transition Booklet.

You will also have a Mentor (Form Tutor), who you will see every day in mentor time. In the coming months, you will be informed who your Mentor is and what House you will be assigned to.

We understand that starting secondary school is a very important step for you, and we want to ensure you are prepared and secondary school-ready for September - our class of 2029. How exciting!

We're looking forward to getting to know you over the coming months as we prepare for a fantastic year ahead.

Warm wishes.

Mrs K Crook  
**Associate Vice Principal/Transition Lead**



Aim High



Be Determined



Be Brave



Be Supportive



Be Proud