



FITZHARRYS SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

As we come into term 3 of the academic year, I am writing to let you know of a change to our pastoral team.

From the start of this term we will be welcoming Miss Kate Emeny as our new Head of Year 7 and transition. This is part of an expansion of our pastoral team, with Miss Emeny working alongside Miss Cook, our dedicated year 7 Student Wellbeing Manager. They will be based in South Block close to the year 7 bubble. This is an exciting change which brings even greater dedicated support to your son/daughter.

Miss Emeny will be teaching Geography and comes with excellent experience of working in schools and in outdoor education. We are excited about her joining us and adding to the support and guidance provided by our pastoral team. Below is a quick introduction from Miss Emeny:

'My name is Kate Emeny, and I am really excited about my new role at Fitzharrys. I'm looking forward to meeting the year 7's and ensuring they are set for educational success and developing their personal growth in school. In my previous roles I have developed both outdoor learning and personalised strategies to support students through their learning journey. During term 2 I have been able to come into school to meet Mrs Beedles-Clark and Miss Cook, so am ready to get to know the students in person when term 3 starts.'

Mrs Beedles-Clark will remain Head of Lower School with responsibility for years 8 and 9. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the fantastic job she has done across the most unusual of transitions. She will be working closely with Miss Emeny in the first few weeks of term 3, to help students understand the change in their head of year. Mrs Beedles-Clark has written a short message for you and the students:

'Students within year 7 have been fabulous during their transition to secondary school. At the beginning of the transition we did not really know what to expect. It was an absolute pleasure speaking to students on the telephone and I was excited to meet everyone when the time finally came. Given the current circumstances students should feel incredibly proud with how they have settled in so well. The level of resilience acquired has been tremendous and the grit shown has typified the Fitzharrys ethos. I wish students all the best with their new Head of Year who will continue to guide them and nurture them to success.'

Our end of term celebrations demonstrated the excellent attendance and achievement of the students, massive congratulations again to all those students who received nominations and awards.

Thank you all for your support and I wish you all the best as you continue your Fitzharrys journey.'

Miss Emeny will be delivering a virtual assembly to introduce herself to the students across the first two weeks of term. She will also be in contact with students and parents as part of our programme of remote pastoral support across the term.

Whilst we will be in regular touch through remote learning, we look forward to welcoming your child back into school as soon as possible so they can meet their new Head of Year.

Yours sincerely,



Will Speke
Head of School



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