

Hello to our new Year 7 students- note from Mrs Keylock

I would like to warmly welcome you to Gwernyfed High School. We are really looking forward to you starting with us in September.

Coming up to Year 7 and joining a new school is exciting, but can also make us feel a little nervous. We hope to make the experience as enjoyable as possible.

Your first day of school is Monday 4th of September. In the morning, there will be lots of teachers on the gates ready to welcome you in and help you find where you need to get to. You might be feeling nervous about getting lost or not knowing things – we are all here to help you. All you need to remember is that you need to wear your full school uniform, bring your bag with your pencil case in and a positive attitude ready to be kind, respectful and dedicated to your learning. Other useful items for the first day are a refillable water bottle, a snack and if you are not already signed up to parent pay at Gwernyfed you will need a packed lunch.

On your first day, you will meet your form tutor again and receive your timetable. Your form tutor will go through this with you and answer any questions you have – there is no such thing as a silly question so ask us anything you need to know. Your form tutor and your form room will remain the same throughout year 7. Over the next few weeks they will help you to settle in and make new friends.

You might find it strange at first as lessons here will be different to your lessons at primary school although you will recognise lots of the same subjects. Here, you will move around to different, specialist teachers and have your lessons in different rooms. You might worry about getting lost during the day but please remember that this is not a problem – this is a normal part of starting a new school and there will be lots of teachers around to help direct you. All you need to do is remember all the equipment you need for your lessons and try to be as dedicated as possible to your learning, including to your homework!

At Gwernyfed High School, you will work hard at your studies, but we are also a community where you will be able to make new friends, discover new skills and have access to lots of different opportunities so that you can enjoy every day as a member of our school.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you soon!

Miss Keylock

Head of Lower School