



Mrs Hind, Head of Year 7

I hope you are looking forward to starting at Slough and Eton in September – I can't wait to meet you all. My name is Mrs Hind. I am an English teacher at Slough and Eton and I am also very pleased to be your Head of Year. Along with me, the whole Year 7 team are all really looking forward to meeting you. Hopefully we will meet each other before the end of the summer term, but if not, don't worry we will all have a chance to get to know each other in September.

Year 7 is the start of a new, exciting and extremely important phase in your life. If you have any concerns when you arrive and during your time at Slough and Eton, there are lots of people to help in every way. Starting a new school is a huge change, especially this year, but we are all here to help and support you. I would like everybody in Year 7—students, teachers and tutors to have an amazing year—luckily for us, every year at Slough and Eton is amazing!

I know that you and your parents will have concerns about the new procedures that have been put in place and the current situation; with the consequences of an extended period away from school in addition to the new skills and expectations of a secondary school. We are doing our utmost to make sure that everyone that comes to Slough and Eton is safe and happy. Being worried in this situation is normal but it will actually help us all look after each other and keep ourselves safe. If you have any concerns about your transition to secondary school, you can send an email to XXX. Once school starts, Form Tutors are the main point of contact between home and school and with two tutor registration sessions daily (every morning and every afternoon), you will get to know your Form Tutor very quickly.

There will be lots of things for you to think about when you start in Year 7. All Year 7 students worry about how they will cope moving from class to class, having their PE kit on the right day or making new friends. These are common worries, but when we speak to students after a week or two, these are no longer concerns. It is important to us that we make you welcome and comfortable so that you can start to learn and continue the progress that you have made in primary school. Students settle in very quickly at Slough and Eton!

At Slough and Eton we believe that everyone should:

**Work Hard** - We believe that every pupil is an important individual and we strive to ensure that every student is able to achieve success. Many of you will be used to working hard in school and we need this to continue. Year 7 is only the start of an amazing but challenging journey to academic triumph.

**Be Nice** – Students that help and support each other are helped and supported by others. If every one of us makes an effort to be kind and considerate to each other it will help us all have positive experiences in school.

**No Excuses** – We must all strive to do the best that we can. I will try to be the best Head of year and you must try to be the best student that you can be.

We know that parents feel they are not as 'involved' once their child goes to secondary school, we all want to encourage the pupils to develop independence, but please, do not hesitate to let us know if you have any concerns. We will keep you updated with regards to your child's effort and attainment throughout the year via our parent bulletin, phone calls, emails, report cards and parents' evenings (when restrictions allow). However, if you have any queries, please contact me.

I look forward to meeting you all and guiding you on your journey to Year 11 and beyond.

**Mrs Hind**

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