



16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and new Year 7 starters,

I am just writing to introduce myself as the new Head for Year 7. I am delighted to be working with our new starters at this incredibly exciting (but perhaps, initially, slightly daunting) time in their education.

I, and the Year 7 tutors (listed below), will aim to make this transition as smooth as possible.

7GS	Gemma Spencer
7AB	Adam Bond
7LIA	Linda Albone
7SA/FM	Sarah Andrews/Faye Melville
7LF	Leighann Fergusson
7ZP	Zach Pearson
7PDK	Piotr Kieres
7GJ	Georgia Jenkins
7SE	Sinoia Edwards

Confirmation of tutor groups will be delivered as soon as possible - hopefully ahead of the induction days (see below for more detail).

Tutors will be one of the most important people throughout a student's journey at John Ferneley College. Tutors will meet and greet every morning during tutor time (8.40am – 9.05am). They will be your first point of contact if you have any problems - and will be the person who is regularly in contact with parents/guardians.

We have tried to allocate students with at least one of their friendship choices; therefore, we ask currently you do not request a tutor group move. Students will be in different classes for different lessons so will inevitably make new friends as well as maintaining older friendship groups.

We are looking forward to welcoming students to John Ferneley College at your Transition Days on **Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July** (or, if your child currently attends St. Francis, we will see you on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July between 9.00am and 2.45pm** -please see below for lunch and uniform information).

### Timings

Students can arrive between **8:40am and 9.00am**, they will be guided to the Auditorium where they will have a short introduction presentation before meeting their tutor. On the transition days school will finish earlier at **2.45pm**. Our car park is closed from 2pm due to buses arriving and our students' safety. Please park nearby and arrange with your child where you would like to meet or, alternatively, you are welcome to walk up and meet your child at the main school gate.

### Lunch

Please ensure that your child has a **packed lunch** with them on both days. If you are usually free school meals, please feel free to get in touch and let us know, and we can provide your child with a lunch on their transition days.

## Uniform

**Your child will be expected to attend the transition days in their normal uniform from their current school.**

At the **end of the first transition day (Monday 3rd)** there will be a **uniform try-on event** in the Auditorium. This event starts at **3:10pm** and its purpose is for you to be able to test different uniform sizes and to meet some of our uniform suppliers. If you are planning on attending the try-on event, please **collect your child as normal at 2:45pm** and then wait before re-entering the site in time for the try-on event at 3:10pm.

In the **evening of the second day (Tuesday 4th)**, we invite parents to join us at **5:00pm** in the Auditorium for a **Transition Information meeting**. The evening will involve a presentation from myself and Senior Leaders (5.00-5.30pm) followed by a tutor presentation (5.30pm-6.00pm) and staff will then be available in the auditorium until 6.30pm to answer any questions you may have.

I am looking forward to welcoming you all.

If you believe your child may now be attending another school please contact admissions at Leicestershire County Council <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you are receiving this letter, you are still on our list as of the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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