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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...  
these are the keys to unlock the door to personal excellence.”  
Confucius**

I am excited to welcome you to Kineton High School and share with you the next step in your child's academic journey.

As Head of Year 7, my primary role is to support students during their transition from primary to secondary school, instilling our ethos and vision of “Achieving Personal Best.” Starting secondary school offers many exciting opportunities for children and their families. We are committed to ensuring that our new students feel safe, comfortable and happy about such a big change in their lives. The smooth transition that we offer our new intake is achieved through positive, frequent communication between students; staff; our primary schools; parents/carers; governors and myself.

There are many opportunities to embrace with the range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Students will have had the opportunity to join a club during Induction Day from the “Clubs Fair” and this is an excellent way to meet new friends. Immersing one's self into secondary school life is an excellent foundation to start from.

The quotation at the top of the letter will help form the ethos and vision for all Year 7 students to be successful; for them to “Achieve Personal Best” and to understand what values and characteristics are needed to attain and discover the love of learning.

I look forward to leading Year 7 2022 into this exciting new chapter!

Your sincerely,

Mr Simon Ford  
Head of Year 7

Please find below some of the ways you can help and support your child:

**1. Help talk them through some of the changes** – they move around the school to their next teacher, have different lessons and have lots more people to communicate with. They are also able to be more independent than perhaps they have been used to.

**2. Getting ready becomes their responsibility** – get them to pack their bag the night before, check their equipment, and make sure they have their planner signed. Make sure they know when their PE lesson day is. This will pay off in the future if you start now!

**3. Create a space for them to work quietly at home** – they will get homework and will need to be able to complete it and concentrate without distractions. Often it is easier to get this completed when they come home, before they get into social time and then do not want to do it!

**4. Get to know their form tutor:** Contact them if you need to and if you are concerned, always let them know. They will see your child every day in most cases and so they are a great point of contact.

**5. Keep encouraging a growth mindset:** make sure they understand they will not be good at everything YET – things take time and practice and they should not give up. As a culture, we are often used to seeing supposed 'overnight successes' without seeing the hours of effort that went into that success. This is worth reminding them about when they start to say negative things.