

Dear students,

We are pleased to confirm that you will have two form tutors this year. We are Miss Malcolm and Miss Steele and we're very excited to have you as a member of our form group from September. We cannot wait to meet you all.

To introduce ourselves, here's a little bit of information about us individually.

I'm Miss Malcolm. I'm a teacher of ICT. I have been teaching at Forge for over 16 years. During my time here, I have been a form tutor to many students. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you. I am always keen to learn about your interests and what's new in your world. I'm sure I'll be learning about: the latest computer games that you like, football and lots of football, among other fascinating things.



When I am not at school, there are lots of things that I enjoy doing. I love reading, watching TV, travelling to new places and learning about the history of places. I love listening to music; I must admit I don't understand some of the latest genres though. I try to keep up with football but I never seem to remember who's in what league.

I'm Miss Steele and a history teacher at Forge. I've been teaching here for twelve years and shared forms with Miss Malcolm before so we're an established team! I have two sons aged ten and eleven and my eldest is about to go to secondary school in September as well. Hopefully you're as excited as him about this although we know you might be a little nervous. Like Miss

Malcolm, I'm looking forward to getting to know you all. When I'm not at school, there are lots of things I enjoy doing in my free time. These include activities with my boys, reading and walking in the woods by my home. I also enjoy meals out with family and friends.



Before we sign off we'd both like to tell you a little bit more about our job as your progress tutors. As your progress tutors, we will look out for you and ensure that you settle well into life at secondary school. If you have any worries or concerns we will be able to help with those too. We want to reassure you that we are in this together and we will make sure your transition into secondary school is a great experience. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Best wishes,
Miss Malcolm and Miss Steele



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Dear students,

Hello! My name is Mrs Colwell and I am so happy to have been asked to be your progress tutor in September. I have been a teacher of geography for 16 years and am also the head of travel and tourism. My other roles within the school involve me coordinating E-learning and E-safety through the curriculum.

As I am a geography teacher I love to learn about the world around me. I am hoping in form time that we can have some great discussions about what's going on in our wonderfully wide world and I would love to hear your views and opinions. Outside of school, my other interests include gardening, making crafts and sports. I also secretly collect stationery and get very excited about a new pen or the shiny new pencil cases I see in September. At weekends I spend most of my time on the sidelines as a fully-fledged football mom!

I'm sure you have been wondering what secondary school will be like and what new friends you will make. Starting secondary school is a very exciting time, as well as being a bit of a worrying one for some of you. As your progress tutor, it is my responsibility to ensure that you settle into school life without any worries or concerns. I want you to be reassured that we are here to help in order to make your transition into our Academy a positive experience. I am excited to be your progress tutor and will be really happy to meet each one of you properly on that first day in September and to check out that new stationery. In the meantime, look after yourselves and I very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,
Mrs Colwell



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Dear students,

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Gill has asked me to be your progress tutor from September. My name is Miss South and I am a history teacher at Ormiston Forge Academy. September will be the beginning of my twelfth year at the Academy and I'm so excited to be your progress tutor. I am an experienced progress tutor, supporting many of my forms right through to their GCSEs.

As your progress tutor, I am responsible for ensuring that you feel safe and secure during your time at the academy. Starting secondary school can be quite unsettling and I am here to reassure and help you start your journey here. It's really important that you have a central place to go when academy life gets to hectic and my door will always be open.

As I am a history teacher, I love being noisy and delving into the past to find out what life was like for ordinary people. My specialist areas are World Wars and migrant history, which I have a great passion for and study in my own time. History is really important and allows us to learn from past mistakes and not make them in the future. Debating and discussing topic issues about history is something that I find fun to do with my classes or form groups.

In my spare time, I love to relax with a good book or go for a long walk around Clent Hills with my family. I love films and going to the cinema is a must for me every month. I have two cats called Pedro and Coco, who I adore. I look forward to finding out your hobbies and interests when we meet in September.

Normally, I would have had the pleasure of meeting you in person instead of sending this letter, but during the primary transition period, I won't see too much of you. In the meantime, look after yourselves and above all, have a fantastic summer holiday!

Kind regards, Miss South



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Dear students,

My name is Mr Chapman and you will be in my form next year. I have been teaching science and maths at Ormiston Forge for six years. Before that, I was a primary school teacher at Netherbrook – some of you may be coming up from there! I remember when I moved here and I was very anxious. Luckily, everyone here is lovely and I settled in well and wasn't nervous at all!

I am a keen gamer and like to spend lots of my free time on my Playstation or Switch. However, they aren't my only hobbies, I love reading a good adventure novel, watching movies and cooking a range of meals with a speciality in Asian food, especially Cantonese and Japanese. In fact, it is my love of Asian foods and culture that have inspired me to travel there many times over the years.

As your progress tutor, I will be your 'port of call' if you have any issues or are finding the size of the Academy a little overwhelming, I will look out for you and ensure that you settle well into life at secondary school. We are in this together and I will help sure your transition into secondary school is a great experience.

I am looking forward to working with you, seeing you settle into our wonderful Academy and watching you grow and achieve even greater things. I am sure you will have a brilliant time at Forge.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Mr Chapman



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Dear students,

My name is Miss Roch and I am very excited to meet you. You are joining a great Academy which will guide you through an important stage in your life.

Let me introduce myself, I first started teaching at Ormiston Forge Academy in December 2020, so I am very familiar with what it is like to start somewhere completely new with lots of people you will not immediately get to know. But

rest assured, everyone here is very welcoming and will make you feel right at home, just like they did with me! I am a history teacher and love to teach about the Tudors, the transatlantic slave trade and the industrial revolution. I think history is really important because it has all led up to exactly where we are today.

In my free time, mainly during the holidays, I like to travel back to my hometown to visit my family, friends and my pets. I come from a small seaside town called Tenby in south west Wales. Some of you may have heard of it, and some of you may have even visited on holiday as it is a very popular UK staycation! I also like to explore the West Midlands as I am new to the area - perhaps you will have some suggestions of things to do and places to visit (the Black Country Museum is next on my list). I also like to read in my spare time, romantic-comedy, thriller and history fiction are my favourite genres.

One of my favourite other hobbies is travelling, when I have the time to do so. To date, I have travelled to Vienna in Austria, Budapest in Hungary, Milan in Italy and Barcelona in Spain which are all beautiful cities in Europe. But my next holiday will hopefully be somewhere in the sun next to the beach!

Before I sign off, I would like to inform you about my role as your progress tutor. I will be responsible for ensuring that you settle into secondary school life at Forge and help you overcome any worries or concerns you may have throughout your time here.

At Forge, we are all in this together and your transition to secondary school will be great! I am very excited to see you soon.

Very best wishes,

Miss Roch



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Dear students,

My name is Mrs Shakespeare and I will be your form tutor when you join Forge in September. I am excited to meet you properly and get to know you as it will be my job to help you settle in and become part of our Forge family.

Along with being your form tutor, I am also an English teacher at Forge. I joined the Academy in September last year and I remember very clearly how it felt to be starting a new school. I remember feeling excited about the new opportunities I was going to have and meeting new people. However, I also remember feeling nervous about trying to remember so many new things, being anxious about finding my way around the Academy and overwhelmed by getting used to new systems and routines. I can reassure you that the people here are incredibly kind and friendly. Everyone helped me and they will help you too. You have nothing to worry about and Forge will feel like home in no time!

I thought you might like to know a little bit about me before you join our form. I have been an English teacher for 15 years. I have two children; Lewis is 20 years old and has just finished his second year at university. Archie is 17 years old and is studying A levels at sixth form. I like to spend as much time with them as possible because they make me laugh, a lot! I also like to play golf. I only started playing a year ago and I'm having lessons to try and improve. It can be frustrating at times but I'm not giving up. I love going on holiday – anywhere sunny suits me. The best holiday I have ever had was when we went to Disney World for my son's 18th birthday and saw Mickey Mouse.

I hope you have a fabulous summer holiday and I look forward to meeting you properly in September.

Best wishes,
Mrs Shakespeare



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Hello, nearly Year 7s,

My name is Mrs Meehan and I have the honour of being your Progress Tutor from September 2022.

I have been a teacher for over 15 years, I don't see teaching as a job but a privilege. My favorite subjects to teach are English, history and PRE (philosophy, religion and ethics). They are subjects that can lead to great class discussions and the unearthing of incredible imaginations and stories.

At home, I love to find historic places to visit and explore, especially if they are dog friendly! I enjoy going to the theatre and love long walks and picnic lunches with my family. During rare moments of peace you will find me immersed in a good book but my true 'happy place' is the seaside and at the first opportunity you will find me by the sea!

I will always be around the Academy to help and support you, even if it's just pointing you in the right direction! I can't wait to meet you all and be part of the amazing journey you are beginning at Ormiston Forge Academy.

Best wishes,
Mrs Meehan



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Dear students,

Welcome to Ormiston Forge Academy. My name is Mrs Barker and I am going to be one of your form tutors this year. I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you. I hope that you are excited about joining us at Forge and looking forward to all of the opportunities that secondary school brings. We will be doing our best to ensure that your transition is as smooth as possible. Forge staff and students are very friendly and welcoming so I am sure you will settle in quickly.

I have been teaching at Forge for six years and before that taught at another school in the area for several years. I teach science, with physics being my specialism. I am also responsible for STEM at the Academy, and run a weekly STEM club which I hope that some of you will join.

In my free time I enjoy reading, cooking, walking and spending time with family and friends. My family (but not me!) play a lot of sport so that also takes up a lot of my time outside of school. I also enjoy travelling and am looking forward to being able to do more of this in the next few years.

I hope to meet you very soon during your transition visits and in the mean time, I hope that you have a wonderful end to your time at primary school and a fabulous summer.

Mrs Barker



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Dear students,

My name is Miss Palmer and I am very excited to have you as a member of my form group in September. I am pleased to be given the opportunity to work with such a key year group, about whom I have heard great things and I hope that you are excited too. If you are a little nervous don't worry - that is normal!

Let me introduce myself. I am a philosophy, religion and ethics teacher at Ormiston Forge Academy and I have been teaching in this school for one year. Having recently been a new member of the school, I am looking forward to supporting you at the start of your journey. I love working at Forge because I am fortunate to be able to work with amazing students and staff who work together and truly care. Everybody belongs to our Forge family.

When I am not in school there are lots of things I enjoy doing in my free time. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also love to keep active by going to the gym and going on walks in the sunshine. Another passion of mine is reading fiction books, so book recommendations are always welcome. I am really looking forward to finding out about your interests!

Before I sign off I'll tell you a little bit more about my role in your development here. As your progress tutor, I will look out for you and ensure that you settle well into life at secondary school. If you have any worries or concerns I will be able to help with those too. I want to reassure you that we are in this together and we will make sure your transition into secondary school is a great experience. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Once again, welcome to 7TPR.

Kind regards,
Miss Palmer



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Dear students

My name is Mrs Emran and I am a maths teacher at Ormiston Forge Academy. I have been a teacher for over 9 years and have worked in a few mainstream schools prior to teaching at Forge, which has been since the beginning of September 2021. I have found it to be a great school for both students and staff. The school endeavours to create a warm and friendly learning experience for all its students with a passion for sustaining good results.

As part of the Forge team I am excited about being given the opportunity in becoming a year 7 form tutor and being able to support my form through their learning journey at secondary school. Having previously been a form tutor to a year 7 group I understand that the transition from primary school to a large secondary school can be daunting and challenging therefore, my role will be to fully support and guide you in settling in at Forge. As your progress tutor I will be there to answer your queries about your school life and deal with any worries or concerns you may have.

A little about my interests when I am not teaching include dining out with family and friends, cooking different cuisines from around the world, reading and going for country walks. Other than this I also like to discover how to create art and craft pieces, which I deliver in my sessions as youth worker during the school holidays.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know about your interests too. You will all have a great time at Forge with many achievements to come.

Best wishes,
Mrs Emran



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