



Miss Tuthill

Miss Ramsden

Mr Turner

Mr Dale

Miss Ramsden "Work hard and enjoy yourselves"

# Meet the team.

## Your guide to the people that will help you settle in to your start at St Mary's.

Every ship needs a steady hand and an experienced captain, and they do not come more highly regarded than Miss Ramsden. Having overseen many successful transitions to our school, she really is the right person to make sure your transition into Year 7 runs as smoothly and effortlessly as possible. Mixing transition alongside her teaching in languages, Miss Ramsden can even guide you on your way in Spanish and French. She is our very own Jordan Henderson and will help you reach the top of the league in your studies. Often referred to as the "Magic Man" by local sports reporting for his superb football and cricketing skills, and his ability to work his "magic" to get great results, Mr Dale is our new head of Year 7. Being an excellent sportsman and P.E teacher, he has the drive, ambition, and a winning mentality we foster at St Mary's to make sure you achieve your very best. Alongside Miss Ramsden, he will be there to lead the year group and keep you up to date on all that is happening in year 7. Miss Tuthill is probably one of the first people you

will meet when you start St Mary's in her role as an excellent and dedicated learning mentor. She is the one who is usually around the office most and is always there for you if you have a problem or need someone to talk to. Like Miss Ramsden, she is very experienced and has been a mentor for several years. She is there to make sure you are happy, feel safe and have a friendly face to come to if you need anything.

Every year group has a senior link – someone from the senior management team who is there to oversee your progression, behaviour, and successes. Year 7 are very lucky to have Mr Turner. When he's not teaching R.E, Mr Turner is in charge of teaching and learning in the school, so you can rest assured you will be getting the latest and most innovative teaching practices in your lessons. He believes education should be fun and exciting, but also have the challenge to push you to achieve your full potential. With the backing of the excellent Year 7 team, his mission is to ensure you succeed in all you undertake at our school.

## Meet a year 7 student



Evie was a year 7 student last year and admits that she did feel a little nervous about coming to St Mary's as there was only her and one other student from her school. However, she said that after one morning she felt she had been here for years. When asked about what makes St Mary's so special, she said it was the community spirit which was great and she loved how everyone smiled and made you feel welcome. Another thing she liked was the lessons. When asked to elaborate, she said "there's always so much going on, the teachers are fun and make sure you work your hardest. They always do their best to make sure you reach your targets". Alongside this, she has taken advantage of our excellent enrichment activities, playing for the football teams and taking part in netball and trampolining. She also joined art club and has some of her artwork on the wall. Her advice to new students is to "get involved" as she says it's a great way to make new friends and be a part of something special.

**it's  
you!**



**Miss Jordan- PE**

"If you are nervous about Year 7, remember that everyone feels the same way. Smile get involved and join a club".



**Miss Bell - Maths**

"Year 7 will be a very exciting time for you! You will not only start to explore more subjects, but you will make brand new friends from all over the city!"



**Miss Roberts - English**

"We have some excellent English resources at the school to boost your reading, writing and speaking skills. There are regular competitions with great prizes, so get involved".



**Transition lessons**

*Experience your lessons through using the transition homework booklet sent to you through the post.*

## Make the most of your transition learning

In the absence of a "live" transition week, we hope you are having a great time completing the transition homework booklet you must complete. Here at St Mary's we pride ourselves on the fantastic quality of work which our students produce and are always amazed at the amazing quality, imagination and skills shown by all our transition students. Whether it's playing detective in the History task, making 1 to ten using four fours in Maths or describing a great experience or a fantastic day in English, we're sure your creativity and problem solving will run wild and produce excellent ideas. English teacher Mr Hussey has had a go at the four fours challenge and managed to make 4. However, he did only use one four, so we think he's disqualified. In RE, we explore many different faiths and beliefs and it will be great to see the

amazing quality of postcards which are produced. Don't forget to also label all of the dangerous actions in the Science classroom as well. If you can't find any, it may be time to tidy your room! Do you know where Edinburgh is? How far is it to Barnard Castle? Don't forget to check out the Geography homework and fill in the English counties sheet. If you are a linguist, you could even use the French transition tasks to write them in French. Alongside designing cans in Art, re-searching your favourite actor in Drama and alphabet agility and zig-zag runs in P.E, we're sure you'll find enough in there to keep your mind and body in tip-top shape. Remember, it's not about doing the best, it's about doing YOUR best, and as long as you work as hard as you can to complete the tasks, your teachers will receive some fantastic work.

## Focus on MFL curriculum

Mrs Scott works in the MFL department (Modern Foreign Languages) as the Head of the Languages. In Year 7, you will have the opportunity to learn either French or German, which is extremely useful in an increasingly global and diverse world. We asked Mrs Scott how learning languages will benefit us in the future, she responded: "In almost every aspect! A lot of businesses are now operating

on an international level, and knowing how to speak different languages is becoming more important." Having access to different languages enriches our lives, as well as being fun to learn. The best part about languages is the trips you may get the chance to go on to places like Paris or Berlin where you can experience the culture first hand and practice language skills in real life situations.