

ROLE OF THE YEAR 7 BUDDIES



Starting secondary school is a big step, and it's completely normal to feel a mix of excitement and nerves. You're about to enter a place full of new opportunities: new subjects to explore, new teachers to learn from, new clubs to join, and new friends to make. Secondary school isn't just a bigger building — it's a chance to discover more about who you are and what you enjoy.

You won't be expected to know everything on day one. Everyone around you — teachers, staff, and older students — understands what it's like to be new, and they're ready to help you settle in.

How Year 7 Buddies Will Support You

To make your transition smoother, you'll be paired with Year 7 buddies in your form. These are students who were in your shoes not long ago, so they know exactly what starting secondary school feels like. Their job is to help you feel confident, supported, and ready to enjoy your new environment.

Your Year 7 buddies will:

Show you around the school so you know where everything is — classrooms, lunch hall, Oracle and all the important spots.



All members of the academy are equally valued, and we appreciate the diversity within our academy community. Our curriculum ensures all students can make progress



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Answer your questions, whether they're about homework, timetables, or how to find your next lesson. Share tips on staying organised, making friends, and getting involved in school life. Check in regularly during your first weeks to make sure you're settling in and feeling comfortable. Be someone you can talk to if you're unsure about anything or just need a friendly face. They're not teachers — they're simply older students who want to help you feel at home.

With the support of your Year 7 buddies, you won't be starting secondary school alone. You'll have someone who understands you, who's been through the same transition, and who can guide you through the early days until everything starts to feel familiar. This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and you're more ready for it than you think.



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