

# Plympton Academy

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## Transition Newsletter 1

Dear Parent / Carer

Further to our previous letter to you at the beginning of March, so much has changed. At the time of writing this letter, we do not yet know how long schools will remain closed for and what format reopening may take. With such uncertainty it is unfortunately impossible to confirm what our transition arrangements will look like this year. However, please rest assured that we will do everything we can to ensure your son/daughter has a smooth transition to secondary school in these unprecedented circumstances, and will share full details of the transition process with you as soon as we can.

Whilst schools are closed, we will send you fortnightly newsletters with updates, key information, quizzes etc regarding the move to secondary school. In this edition, please see overleaf a letter of welcome from Mr Strachan, who will be Head of Year 7, and some simple suggestions about how to begin preparing to join Plympton Academy .

We are still hoping that our Year 7 residential trip to Bude will go ahead in November. This is a fabulous opportunity for your child to get to know other students in their year group and develop new friendships, as well as participate in a range of outdoor activities. The residential is taking place Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th November, and it will involve students being away from home for two nights. Further details regarding this exciting opportunity - as well as information on key aspects of Academy life - will be posted to you shortly in our welcome pack.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to a member of the transition team, please contact Sarah Glover (Assistant Principal) via email: [glovers@plympton.academy](mailto:glovers@plympton.academy).

Look after yourselves and your families, and we look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Yours faithfully

*S. Glover*

Ms Sarah Glover

Assistant Principal (Transition / KS3 / Safeguarding)



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*Hello Everyone,*

*My name is Mr Strachan. I have the great pleasure of being your Head of Year in September and I can't wait!*

*So, a little bit about me. I teach Geography and I have been a Head of Year now for 6 years. I have two sons, Rowan and Adair. Rowan is about to start Year 3 and Adair starts primary school in September. My wife, Mrs Strachan, is also a teacher and funnily enough she works at Plympton Academy as well.*

*So what exactly does a Head of Year do? Well, my main role is to support you as you make your way through Years 7-11. This means making sure you have everything you need, meeting with you in assemblies, celebrating your successes and supporting you if things get tough. I work alongside Mrs Keane who will be your Pastoral Worker... and she is amazing! You are really lucky to have her to support you. We are both passionate about making sure you get the best experience at Plympton Academy and I am so excited about getting to know you.*

*I appreciate that things are a little strange at the moment but I want to reassure you that as your Head of Year I am ready to support you: please don't worry. You are going to have such a great time at Plympton Academy; it's a fantastic place to develop, grow and learn, and you are going to make some great memories. I will be with you every step of the way.*

*Enjoy the time you have at home now and if you have any questions please ask and I will happily answer them for you. My email address is [strachanj@plympton.academy](mailto:strachanj@plympton.academy).*

*I look forward to meeting you and supporting you as your Head of Year.*

*Mr Strachan*

### **Preparing to join Plympton Academy - What can we do now?**

- Visit our website [www.plympton.academy](http://www.plympton.academy).
- Follow the Academy on Facebook and Twitter (@PlymptonAcademy)
- Make a note of Ms Glover and Mr Strachan's email addresses in case you have any questions or concerns