

Welcome from the Year 7 Team:

Mrs Kirk- Head of Year 7



I have had the pleasure of working at Plymstock School for 14 Years. I have been a tutor, taking students through from Year 7 to 11 and am a PE teacher. This is my fourth year as Head of Year 7, which is a job I thoroughly enjoy. I always complete the transition process with each Year 7 group.

My teaching passion is PE and being active. The sports I love include Netball and Athletics and I organise the School Netball teams. In my spare time I enjoy walking my Cavapoo, cycling and photography.

This year will be different to any other and we will mostly be based in our Year 7 bubble in September. It will be new for us all and the teachers will be moving around so the students won't get lost! There will be staggered break and lunch times to ensure the Year groups are separated, with different areas allocated at these times. It will take time for us all to get used to the 'new normal', but we will do this together.

We are very excited to welcome you to Plymstock School and look forward to seeing you in September 2020.

Mr Chivers- Assistant Head of Year 7



I have worked at Plymstock School in various Pastoral Roles since 2013 following careers in The Police and the Royal Air Force. This is the third Cohort of year 7 transitions I have been part of. As a non-teaching member of staff I am more readily on hand to deal with those 'every day' issues which arise within the year group. This also allows me to be more available to directly support individual students who may need my help. As you probably noted in the video- I am a self confessed plane 'geek' but my grandson has also introduced me to the joy of Train Sets.

Ms Birchnall- Tutor



My name is Ms Birchnall and I have been teaching Science at Plymstock School for 21 years! After all these months teaching from home I am so excited to be coming back to school in September as your tutor. Even though it won't be the environment we were expecting to be in, I will still be the first face you see every morning, so it's your job to tell me if I've left my house with my top on inside out etc... and because of the changes that we are having to make to keep you all safe, there will be minimal movement around the school in the first few weeks so at least you don't have to worry about getting lost! We will get to know each other really well in our mornings together and I will always be available to help you if you need advice or someone to talk to. I hope you have a fantastic summer and relax, ready to join Plymstock School and the 7JSB mega team :-)

Mrs Richardson- Tutor



My name is Mrs Richardson and I have been at Plymstock School for 15 years. This will be my forth tutor group since I joined Plymstock School and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and being a part of your Plymstock School journey. I have a feeling you will be my best tutor group yet. I teach psychology, criminology and sociology, subjects that you will not study until you enter the sixth form. I look forward to getting to know you all in September. Mrs Richardson

Mr Dale- Tutor



Mr Dale

I am an English teacher. I have been teaching English at Plymstock School since September 1995, and am now at the stage where I teach a number of students whose parents I also taught. Interestingly though, this will be only the second time that I have been a Year 7 tutor, and indeed the first time during a pandemic! A milestone year lies ahead.

As you would image, I have a huge passion for reading and like nothing better than to lie in my hammock, in my garden, with a good book. I am a keen gardener - when we move back to my classroom, in the lovely Quad area, we will be growing a range a herbs and plants on the windowsills. A sunflower growing competition is always a good way to greet the start of the summer term. I enjoy learning about new cultures and their cuisines and am a keen hiker.

I see my role as your tutor as helping you navigate your way through your time at Plymstock School, but also to prepare you what comes after. During tutor time, we shall be exploring a range of ideas about the world we live in, as well as making sure you know which lesson you have next.

I look forward to meeting you all in September.

Mr Gerry- Tutor



My name is Mr Gerry and, as you can see from my photo, I am a teacher of mathematics. This year I am starting my teaching career in these bizarre circumstances! In my spare time, I am an active tennis and snooker player who also enjoys quieter evenings of card, board and video games. I look forward not only to convincing you and your child that mathematics is everywhere, but also support and develop them into adults for today's world.

Miss Cleary



Hello, my name is Miss Cleary and this will be my first year as a teacher after having worked as a midwife. I am really excited to be joining you on this journey through what will be a wonderful year. I teach science but outside of school I enjoy kayaking, walking and baking. I hope you are also excited to be starting school and I look forward to meeting and getting to know you in September!

Mr Bishop



Hi, I am Mr Bishop and I will be joining the Maths department this academic year. Having qualified in 2019 from Exeter University, I have since spent time travelling in South America and more recently supply teaching and tutoring. My main hobbies are hockey, cricket and tennis which I like to play as regularly as possible. I am looking forward to the challenge of being a Year 7 tutor and being able to grow alongside my tutees as we both get to know the school together.

Mrs Dover

I have been teaching at Plymstock School for 19 years. I am currently the Head of Health Social Care, Careers Leader and Life Education Coordinator. I started at Plymstock as a History teacher and have also worked as a Head of Year before taking on my current responsibilities. I've also worked in Nursing and had a brief stint as an Army Officer in between teaching jobs.

This is the first time in 23 years of teaching that I will have a Year 7 Tutor group and I am really looking forward to it. I am usually like 'Nanny McPhee' picking up Tutor Groups as they move through the school so it will be good to get to know a new group right from the beginning!

I have two sons aged 15 and 16 so spend most of my time nagging them and ferrying them to various Rugby pitches and Rowing regattas around Devon and Cornwall. You may have seen me at various Rugby clubs as I have also coached youth rugby. Usually, most of my weekends are spent rowing for the veterans at a local Gig Club (That means I am very old!)

I have very high expectations of all of my students and expect you to put loads of effort into your school work but most importantly to get involved in all the extra opportunities we have here. Plymstock School is a fantastic school and I hope you will love it as much as I do!