

Hello Year 6

Firstly I would like to send my best wishes to you and your family and hope you are all coping in these strange times.

My name is Mr Marsh and I am the Head of Year 7 at Shirebrook Academy. I'm really excited for you to join us and look forward to supporting you as you continue your learning journey with us for the next five years. As your Head of Year I will be working alongside Ms Wakefield, Mrs Taylor and your form tutors to ensure your first year at Shirebrook Academy is a successful and enjoyable experience.

To give you a bit of an insight in to who your Head of Year is, here are a few facts about me – Mr Marsh:

- I attended Shirebrook Academy (then known as Shirebrook School) as a student.
- I have worked at Shirebrook Academy for over 10 years.
- Alongside being a Head of Year I also teach the greatest subject taught in a secondary school, Physical Education!
- In my younger days I played football for Shirebrook Rangers, from U11's up to U16's.
- And finally, I support the greatest football team to ever play in a red shirt, Manchester United.

Although we are currently in very strange times, please be assured that I and the rest of the staff at Shirebrook Academy will ensure that your start to Shirebrook Academy will be a positive one and will effectively prepare you for life at secondary school.

I hope that you have now managed to access some of the virtual transition activities on our website <https://www.shirebrookacademy.org/year-6-transition/>

If you have completed any of the transition tasks already please share with us via email transition@shirebrookacademy.org we would love you see how you are getting on!

Uniform:

We would like to make you aware of our current position on school uniform.

We are aware of the difficulties in obtaining uniform due to the current Covid-19 crisis. We would also prefer students to be able to wear totally fresh clothing to

school each day to avoid spreading the virus via clothing. This is not possible if they are wearing blazers and ties.

As such, we have temporarily suspended the school uniform policy.

In its place we have introduced a temporary dress code which will be in place from now until such time as we are able to return to a more normal situation.

The temporary dress code is as follows:

Students should wear comfortable clothing that can easily be washed on return from school.

Clothing should be sensible and suitable for a day of work in school.

Existing rules in relation to jewellery, make-up, hair colour and facial piercings still apply, i.e.:

- No piercings other than small earrings
- Minimal make-up
- No nail extensions
- No extreme hair styles or unnaturally bright hair colours

The following items must not be worn in school:

- Crop tops or vest tops
- Shorts (except for PE)
- T-shirts with offensive slogans
- Caps, hats or hoods
- Outdoor coats

With this in mind, we would recommend that you do not purchase uniform until further notice. We will be in touch as soon as we are able to return to our normal expectations.

If you do have any questions about your transition or life at Shirebrook Academy then please get in touch at transition@shirebrookacademy.org

Continue to keep yourselves safe and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr Marsh

Head of Year 7