

**Dear Year 7,**

Welcome to your new school and tutor group! My name is Mr Mason and I'm going to be your tutor this year. I'm really excited to meet each and every one of you and to be part of your journey as you start this new and exciting chapter at Whickham School.

Starting secondary school is a big step, and it's normal to feel a mix of emotions—nervous, excited, curious, maybe even a little unsure. But don't worry—you're not alone. One of my main roles as your tutor is to help you settle in to Whickham school, feel supported, and make sure you're happy and ready to learn each day.

We'll spend time together each day during tutor time, and this will be your chance to ask questions, get help with anything you're unsure about, and enjoy activities that help you grow in confidence and build friendships. Our tutor group is like a little team within the bigger school, and I'm here to make sure everyone feels included and valued.

A bit about me: I teach Maths, I support Newcastle United, but also love watching my home town team Blyth Spartans play each week, even though its non-league football. I look forward to being your Year 7 tutor as I will be able to work with you for your full journey at Whickham, watching you grow and achieve. I really enjoy getting to know my tutor groups, and I'm looking forward to learning all about your interests, goals, and personalities too.

Over the first few weeks, we'll focus on getting to know each other and understanding how things work around the school. Remember—there's no such thing as a silly question, and I'm always here to help.

I can't wait to meet you and begin our year together!

**Best wishes,**

Mr S. Mason

Your Tutor of 7SMN