Transition Bulletin

Message from Miss Goode, Assistant Head of School (Key Stage 3)

Dear our newest member of SET Beccles,

We are very excited that you will be joining us at SET Beccles School in September and hope you are too.

I have been at SET Beccles since January 2021 and you are the second cohort of students I will have supported through the transition process, so I know you have made a great choice. We are incredibly proud of our supportive culture and the school is moving in a really positive direction with lots of exciting developments and opportunities for you during your secondary school education. We are really excited to offer a range of taster transition sessions in the Summer Term as well as your Meet the Team Leader on Wednesday 15 June and Transition Days on 28 and 29 June. I hope this Bulletin reassures you that you will get an opportunity to meet staff and students; get to know the building and help us learn a little about you as well. Please read and enjoy your first family Bulletin which has important information about your next steps.

Please remember to return your data forms to the school reception

First challenge

Over the next few months, we will be setting a series of fun challenges for you to complete.

These offer an opportunity to show off your skills and individuality by introducing yourself in a creative way! Your first challenge allows you to be as creative and as imaginative as you want. The task is to teach us a little about you. We want to learn two or three things about you and you can do this in any way you wish. Some examples are; a picture, painting, slide show, video, song, sculpture, dance or news report. If you do not do this on a computer, you can take a picture or video. When we are back at school, please bring it and we will display these in School.

Please email your challenge to cgoode@seckfordeducation.org.uk by Monday 6 June 2022



Key Members of Staff



Mrs Philpott – Head of School

I lead the School on a daily basis. You will see me in assemblies, in your lessons and around the school site.

Favourite book: Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.

Interesting fact: My Grandad fought in both World War I and World War II.

Miss Goode - Assistant Head of School (Year 7-9)

I look after all students in Year 7-9 and teach Drama.

Favourite book: Alex As Well by Alyssa Brugman.

Interesting fact: Shakespeare's Globe is the only building in London allowed to

have a thatched roof since the Great Fire in 1666.





Mr Willgress - Assistant Head of School (Year 10-11)

I look after all students in Year 10-11 and teach Maths.

Favourite book: On Fire, My story of England's Summer to Remember.

Interesting fact: I was fourth official for Norwich City.



I am responsible for supporting all of our students to achieve the very best outcome, particularly with any students who have a special educational need or other obstacles. **Favourite book:** The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy. **Interesting fact:** This academic year I have raised £600 for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, taking part in a variety of fitness challenges.





Miss Woods - Pastoral Support Officer

Pastoral Support/Designated Safeguarding Lead. Team Leader for Year 11.

Favourite book: Educated by Tara Westover.

Interesting fact: I love to sing, I even once auditioned for the X Factor (I was 15!!)

Miss Clark - Pastoral Support Assistant

I work as a PSA. I have always worked with young people that have sometimes struggled for a whole variety of reasons. I am trained in a regulation play therapy and also a trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) supporting students with their social, emotional and mental health.

Favourite book: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Interesting fact: I love travelling. I lived in America for two years. My favourite place is Arizona.



Mrs Jackson - HLTA

Full-time member of the Inclusion Team based in Montessori supporting students with their SEMH needs, delivering English and SEMH Interventions as part of a happy and friendly team whilst also providing a caring and listening ear throughout the School day.

Favourite book: The Wishing Tree by Enid Blyton. **Interesting fact:** I sang for Queen Elizabeth II in 2000.

Mrs Hawkins-Weeks – Senior Administrator

Welcome to SET Beccles. I'm Mrs Hawkins-Weeks and work in the Office, where no one day is the same! We support students, staff and parents and are here to help you.

Favourite book: well always a tricky question to answer as I've got quite a few books I've enjoyed. The book I would read again is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Interesting fact: I enjoy night swimming especially under the stars and with friends! I would always swim with others and never on my own.





Mrs Bragg – Attendance and Admissions Officer
Favourite book: The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly
Interesting fact: I love cooking and trying different types of food. I also love to go on long walks with my dog.

Miss Homes – Administration Assistant

I help with daily tasks within the office such as assisting in the different roles, printing/copying and really enjoy the day-to-day activities.

Favourite book: My favourite books are the Harry Potter books.

Interesting fact: I love dogs, dancing and my favourite food is gherkins.



Frequently Asked Questions

Please do not worry about finding your way around the School; we put lots of support and help in place over the first few weeks! But if it helps, you can take a look at this site map:

1 Will I get to meet anyone in my year before I start? There will be transition days on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June 2022.

3. how long is the school day?

The school day begins at 8.30am but most people arrive around 8.00am to get some breakfast.

The day ends at 3.55pm.

we can often help.

What is a Team Leader? A Team Leader is a member of staff whose job it is to take care of their Team group. You will be in a Team group with around 16 students and you will have a Year 7 Team Leader to make sure you are ready to succeed at school. They are the person your parent contacts if they need any information or help.

4 What will my first day be like at SET Beccles School? On your first day, you will be met as you arrive and will immediately be in the care of teachers and our older students. They will make sure you get some breakfast and know where you are going. Following on from that, you will go to your Teams classroom to get to know them, find out any information you need and to get your timetable. After a few hours, your lessons will start and your secondary school experience begins.

few days of school, you will be shown around the school by some older students who have the job of making sure you know where to go! It's quite easy to learn your way around once you've been here a couple of days.

- 7 Will I need my PE kit on the first day? Yes. You will receive your timetable on the first day and our PE staff like to start teaching you straight away so please make sure you have your PE kit with you. Once you have your timetable, you will just need to bring it on the days you have PE.
- 8 Will I get a locker? Yes, you will get a locker come September. This will be big enough to store your coat, bag and PE kit.
- 9 What if I forget something? Although our expectations are very high, we do know that this is a big step. For the first few weeks, our teachers will understand that it takes time to adjust. If you do forget something important, please talk to staff and

6. how will I meet my Team Leader?

Meet the Team Leader event is 15th June 2022 5:00pm - 6:30pm

13. when and what can I eat?

You can get food and drink three times throughout the School day:

- Breakfast (before school): toast, fruit, squash and cereal
 - Break: toast, soup, fruit, squash and cereal
 - Lunch: A rotating menu of hot food including options for anyone with dietary requirements as well as a fantastic salad bar.
 - 12 Are there extra-curricular clubs? Over the first few weeks of secondary school, you will be told about our extra-curricular opportunities and how to sign up to these. Some examples are: DT workshop, Music lessons, Sports clubs.

10 Am I allowed my mobile phone? We understand that students will have their phones with them but they are to be switched off and remain in your bag throughout the school day. They may only be used before and after school but never on the school site.

11 Will I get a lot of homework? You will get weekly homework in English, Maths, Science and MFL (languages). You will also get an extended project once a half term which will be a project covering multiple topics.

coming up!

"Meet Your Team Leader"
Wednesday I 5 June, 5pm - 6:30pm.
Information for this will be sent
out a few days before the event.

Miss Goode will visit your primary school this Summer Term.

More fun challenges!

Transition Days Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June.

End of summer BBQ on Friday 26 August 4:30pm - 6pm