



Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. We at Friars can't wait to meet you.

The staff at Friars were your age once upon a time and remember how difficult it can be at times dealing with the emotions young people face when making the transition to secondary school. The most important thing to remember is that you are not alone, and that the move to Year 7 is a new experience for everyone. Miss Williams, Mrs Whelan and all the staff at Friars are here to support you and answer any questions you may have.

I have already sent your parents a letter from the Mathematics Department, details of the school lunch card and a flyer detailing Office 365, Show My Homework and Gateway. I will also send you a booklet in July which is a rough guide to Friars. This friendly booklet will tell you all you need to know about Friars. A virtual tour of the school will also be available on the school website in July.

In the meantime, I thought you may like to know a few key points about Ysgol Friars

Mrs Ceri Parry

WHAT ARE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YSGOL FRIARS AND MY PRIMARY SCHOOL?

This depends on what primary school you've been to, there aren't that many differences. Primary schools and secondary schools follow the National Curriculum and in many ways the work that Secondary schools do follows on from the work you did in Primary school. However, you'll be taught by a number of different teachers in different rooms. One of your school days may look like this:

Day	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
Monday	Maths Mr Parry	English Mrs Moss		Music Mrs Williams	PE Mr Walters		Welsh Mrs Jones	History Mr Hughes

Who will help me settle in?



Deputy
Headteachers



Assistant Headteacher



Year 7 Progress Co-ordinator

Which form class will I be in?

There are ten form classes in Year 7 **D, U, A, M, C, E, L, Y, N, T** When we decide which class to put you in, we will look at the information from your primary school. For example, we have some classes (7E, 7L, 7Y, 7N & 7T) that do some subjects in Welsh, but if your Welsh isn't quite good enough to cope with this, we won't put you into one of these classes. Most of the pupils in most of the primary schools in the catchment area come here. We won't put you in a class by yourself and put all your friends in another. We'll try the best we can to make sure that there are people in your class who you know. The more children from your school who come here, the easier it is to keep friends together. Most children settle in very quickly but if the class we've put you in doesn't work out, we can nearly always move you to another one if your parents ask before the October half term. We take lots of children from outside the catchment area too, but sometimes only a few come from each school. We'll work together to find a class you can settle into quickly.

A letter from Mrs Whelan – Progress Co-ordinator for Year 7

Hi.

My name is Mrs Whelan and I am the Pastoral Support Officer for Year 7. I work with the Year 7 form teachers and all other staff at Friars to make sure that you are happy and settle in well at Ysgol Friars. Most of our pupils settle in very quickly.

I understand that the transition to secondary school can be a scary time and I know that you will have lots of questions. I will, together with Mrs Parry or a member of the Senior Management Team answer as many of your questions as we can. To ask us a question simply send us a quick email to elp@friars.gwynedd.sch.uk You may also like to let us know what you are looking forward to or what you are most concerned about. We want you to be able to talk to us so we can help.

I am really looking forward to meeting you soon,

Take care,

Mrs Whelan

Here's a quick activity you may like to complete and save.

2020 Time capsule – A time capsule is like a frozen snapshot in time. This time capsule will be opened in five years, in 2025, when you will have completed your GCSE examinations. You will be able to look back at your 11-year-old self – at the start of your secondary school journey. You will be able to look back on your life in 2020 and see how your life and the world has changed since then.

Name	
Best Friend/Friends	
Future Job	
Hobbies	
Favourite song	
In the News today	
I spend most of my time.....	
Best thing about primary school	
What am I most nervous about going to secondary school	
What am I most excited about going to secondary school	
I predict that by 2025	