



Dear Parents/Carers.

I would like to introduce myself as your child's Head of Year 7. My name is Mrs Bailey and I have worked at Etonbury since 2021 as a Head of Year, prior to this working in a SENCO role in my 2 previous settings.

This week your child will be starting their transition from year 6 into 7, starting with their transition day on Friday 4th July.

On this day the children will have the opportunity to spend the day in the secondary school buildings with their new forms; taking part in some taster lessons and getting to know some of the staff who they will be working with next year. Students should arrive at normal time in their uniform (or that of their current setting). We will work to secondary timings for the day but will ensure the school day will finish, as usual, at 3.15pm

Some students have had additional tours of the school with me this week and we have been addressing any of their main worries as we do this. It has been lovely to start to get to know some of the year group.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 7 team at Etonbury.



My name is Mr Beckwith. I am one of the Associate SLT members here at ETA and i have been teaching for 28 years in various settings and have had a senior role in schools for more than 15 of these. I oversee the KS3 at ETA.

I am also the staff Governor for ETA. I have high expectations of both staff and students and pride myself in doing the best I can for both.

I used to be a professional Gymnast where I competed for Great Britain and got 4th in the world. I also am a semi professional musician where I play both the drums and the saxophone and I also used to run my own martial arts school. I have two dogs, two cats and a lovely family with a 20 yr old daughter.



My name is Mrs Bailey and I am the Head of Year 7. I have been teaching science for 15 years, 3 of these at Etonbury. I studied Forensic Science at university and now teach this here in the sixth form.

I pride my year group on having excellent relationships, demonstrating kindness and inclusivity to all, as well as maintaining high standards across the board.

I have two children of my own and a Cat called Hugo. I am very into my crafts and love to crochet.

I look forward to meeting you all at our information evening in September.





Mrs Hilsden is returning from Maternity leave in September. She has extensive experience in a pastoral role and supporting with year 7 transition.

She is a D&T teacher and specialises in metal work. She loves to design and make jewellery in her spare time and is kept very busy with her 4 dogs and several chickens!



Hi, I'm Miss Bridges. I've been teaching Art and Design for five years, but before that, I studied Fine Art and 3D Sculpture at uni, which means I love bringing creativity into the classroom whenever I can.

Before teaching, I spent some time working in the U.S., which kick-started my love of travel. I'm always up for an adventure, whether it's exploring a new country or City, checking out an art gallery or museum, or just getting lost somewhere interesting.

When I'm not teaching, you'll probably find me in the water, I love swimming, especially outside when the weather's good. I also grow my own veg and enjoy cooking up something fresh (usually with a podcast or good playlist on in the background).

Looking forward to a great year ahead!



My name Miss Ogunseitan, and I am the Head of Modern Foreign Languages here at Etonbury Academy. I have been teaching languages for 20 years and I am passionate about inspiring young people to enjoy learning French and Spanish.

Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, listening to music, and playing volleyball. I am also a proud mother of four children.

I believe that every student deserves to be respected and treated equally. I have high expectations for all of my students and am committed to supporting them in reaching their full potential.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in September.





My name is Teminnin De Lima Sigba. I am French and German teacher, I have been teaching at Etonbury since January 2025. I bring with me eight years of teaching experience in Modern Foreign Languages.

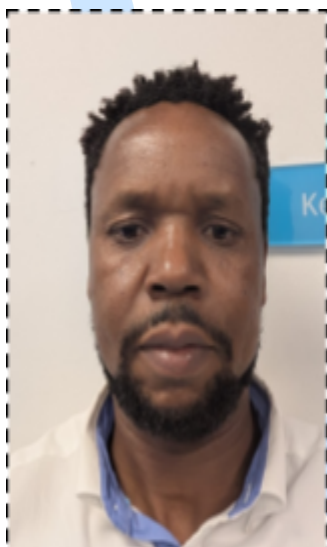
Outside of the classroom, I enjoy travelling and listening to music. I am very much looking forward to meeting you at our information evening in September.



My name is Miss Hanna and I am a year 7 form tutor. I'm a maths teacher and I am excited to be joining the ETA team this year in my second year of teaching.

I'm from Northern Ireland and studied mathematics at University there. My interests are singing, going to concerts and spending time with friends and family.

I look forward to meeting you all!



My philosophy is "Hakuna Matata". I believe that learning ought to be fun, enjoyable and inspiring. I will create a conducive environment where students will enjoy coming school to learn and together build a culture of learning to develop all our skills and talents.

My background is in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. I'm passionate about my subject as the subject explores different world views, religion, art, music, humanism and non-religious worldviews.

As an educator, I am passionate about a holistic approach to education to develop students who are able to thrive in a challenging and changing world.

My hobbies are reading for pleasure, football, gymnastics and cross country running.

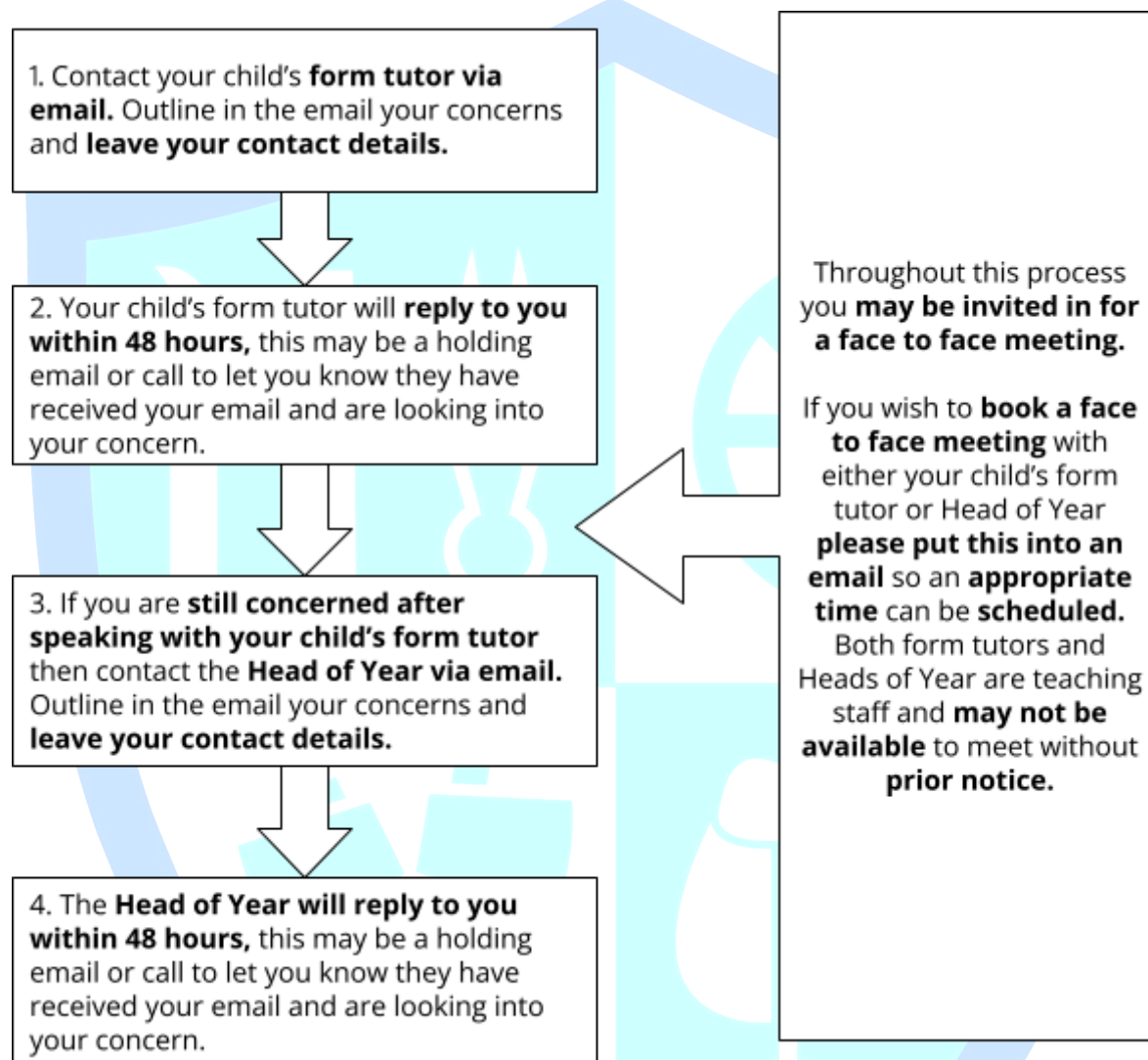
Together, we will grow and succeed.

Thank you

Mr Beka



Finally I would like to inform you of the communication channels within the secondary school at Etonbury so you know who to go to if you have any questions or concerns at any point in the year.



You will shortly receive another letter outlining the behaviour policy and more information regarding mobile phones, so you and your child are aware of the processes prior to starting in September.

An information evening will be held on **Thursday 18th September starting at 6:00pm**. More details about this event will follow.

If you have any questions or concerns during the transitional period please do not hesitate to contact Ben Sale (Head of Juniors), myself or Mr Beckwith (Key Stage Manager).



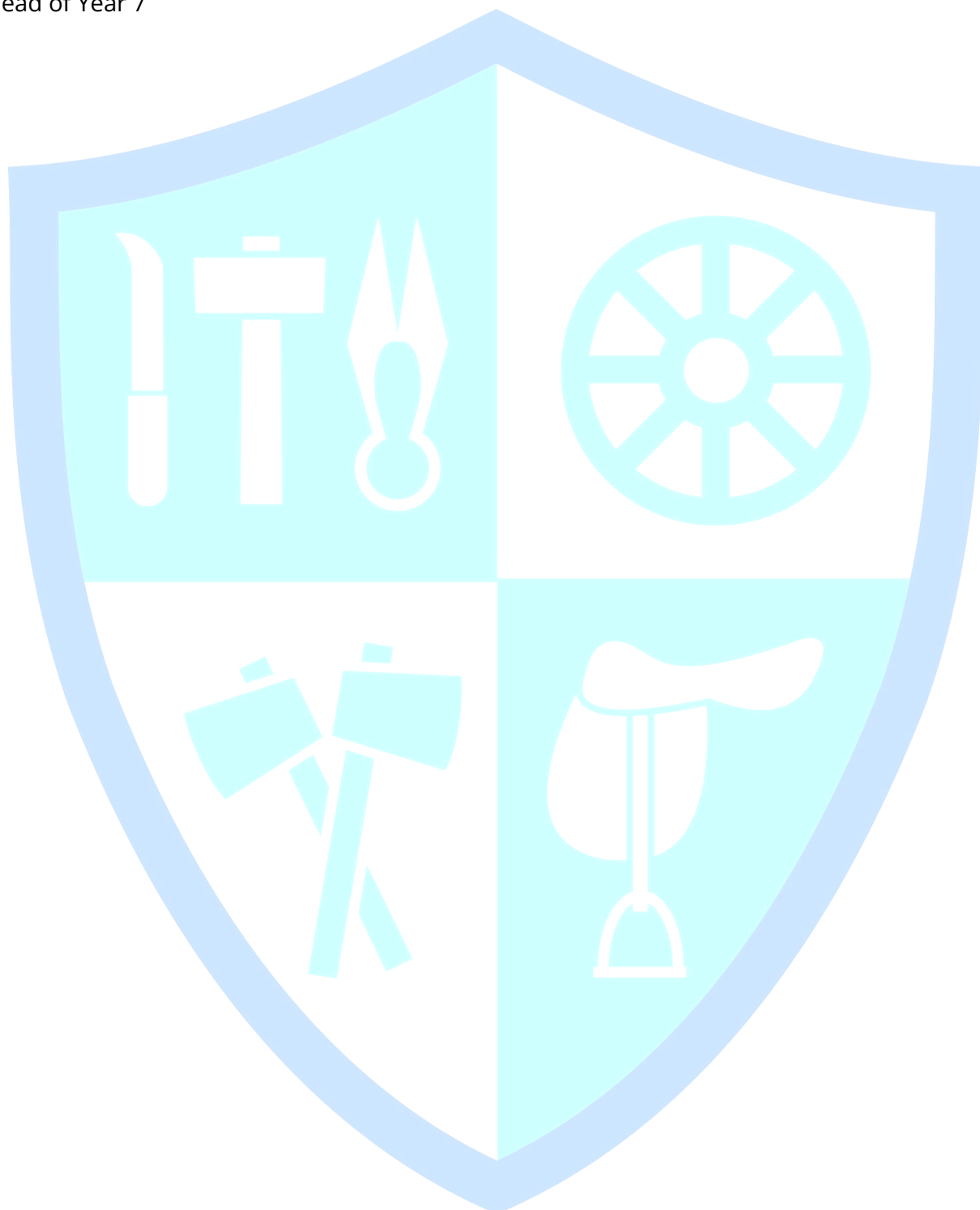


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