



much more than just a school



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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Head of Year 9**

I am writing to introduce myself and to share some exciting news. From September, I will be taking on the role of Head of Year 9, and I am very much looking forward to working closely with our students, families, and staff to support what promises to be an important and rewarding year.

Year 9 is a significant stage in a student's educational journey. It is a time when young people continue to develop their confidence, character, and independence, while also beginning to think more carefully about their future pathways. During the year, students will start to engage with GCSE options. This makes Year 9 an exciting opportunity for growth, ambition, and preparation for the years ahead.

As Head of Year, my priority will be to ensure that every student feels supported, challenged, and encouraged to achieve their very best. I firmly believe that strong partnerships between home and school play a vital role in student success, and I look forward to working together with you throughout the year.

Our theme for the year will be "Showing Up and Stepping Up." We will encourage students to show up every day with a positive attitude, a commitment to learning, and a willingness to contribute to our school community. Equally, we will challenge them to step up by embracing opportunities, taking responsibility for their actions, demonstrating resilience, and striving to be the very best version of themselves.

I am excited to get to know the Year 9 cohort and to celebrate their achievements as they continue to grow and develop.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and working together to ensure that every student thrives. Please don't hesitate to contact me on class charts or by email, t.penlington@pcs.hants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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