

Head of Year's Welcome Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and safe and have not been feeling too nervous about the transition from primary to secondary school during these unprecedented times.

My name is Chimson Lawson and I am Head of Year 7 at Heron Hall Academy. After seeing out my Year 11s this summer, I am very excited to start with the younger years again and help your child to progress to the next stage of their education.

Given the current climate, any anxieties regarding this new journey are of course understandable but I would like to remind you that this is still a very exciting phase for you and your child and we at Heron Hall Academy will be doing all we can to ensure a smooth process. From virtual classrooms to regular communications, we strengthen the links between school, parent and student to make sure the very best academic and behavioural results are achieved.

That being said, the new term will present your child with some challenges. The new journey, teachers, subjects, homework and friends will take a fair amount of getting used to before feeling comfortable. Some students will adapt quickly to all the changes, and we hope that your child is one of them but some will need to lean on the support systems that we have in place. As head of year, your child can always come to me or my deputy with any concerns, as well as their form tutor and the learning/behavioural support staff.

At Heron Hall we place emphasis on good behaviour and character. Year 7s have to learn to take more responsibility for themselves with their homework and behaviour than they might be used to. Excellent learning is underpinned by excellent behaviour. We expect our students to show respect when interacting with other members of our school community and to uphold the reputation of the school in the local area. Getting into good habits, and being accountable for their actions, is something our students will be working hard to develop, and we very much appreciate support from parents with this at home

We're all in this together!
I am looking forward to (safely) meeting you soon!

Yours sincerely,

Madam Lawson
Head of Year

