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## **Welcome to Year 7 – September 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to introduce myself as Head of Year 7 at Burnley High School and to welcome you and your child as part of our September 2026 intake.

The move to secondary school is a significant milestone - for both children and parents - and I want to reassure you that we will support your child every step of the way. My role is to ensure that every student feels safe, confident and proud to belong to our school community from their very first day.

I love working with Year 7 because this stage is full of growth, potential and fresh starts. It is a privilege to watch students develop in confidence, independence and character as they begin their secondary journey.

Over the coming months, I will be in touch regularly to guide you through the transition process. You will receive key information about routines, uniform, equipment, transition events and important dates in due course.

At Burnley High School, we place great importance on:

- Excellent attendance from day one
- High standards of behaviour
- Maintaining high expectations for all students

These foundations allow students to thrive both academically and personally and we will work in partnership with you to ensure the very best start.

If there is anything you feel we should be aware of before September - including any SEN information, medical needs, family circumstances, or previous support your child has received - please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Early communication allows us to put the right support in place and ensure a smooth transition.

If you have any questions at all, you are very welcome to contact me at:  
[swithnell@burnley-ept.com](mailto:swithnell@burnley-ept.com)

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the coming months and beginning what I hope will be a happy and successful journey through secondary school.

Warm regards,

Miss Withnell  
Head of Year 7  
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