

2 July 2021

Headteacher: Mr Ian Wingfield

Dear Parent/Carer

A huge “virtual welcome” to Springwell Community College. My name is Miss McAlpine and I am the Student Progress Leader for Year 7 (that is you!) from September 2021 onwards. As a Student Progress Leader my job is to ensure that you are safe, make good progress and eventually leave Springwell in 2026 having fulfilled your potential!

You are soon to join us at Springwell, hopefully on Thursday 2nd September, where you and 195 other Year 7 students will start your journey as part of the Springwell family. I am sure that you are feeling a range of emotions; disappointment at not being able to celebrate the end of your primary education in the way everyone else does due to the pandemic, excitement at the start of a new chapter in your education, nervous at starting at a new school and possibly a little worried about the unknown aspects of secondary school life. Please do not worry, everyone will feel just like you do. I will do everything I can to ensure that you have a positive start to Springwell.

I am really disappointed that we will be unable to hold the transition days in July that would normally allow you to come and visit us and experience a day in the life of Springwell. However, we have been working hard to try and make sure that you have as much information as possible to help you feel prepared.

Part of my role as a Student Progress Leader is to manage a team of 7 Tutors. These 7 teachers will each have a tutor group of around 30 students. Every one of my tutors is enthusiastic, competitive and friendly and they cannot wait to meet you.

I have spent the last month speaking to your primary school to get as much information as possible about you, things you like; your academic ability, your attendance, your positive characteristics and your friendship groups. I have done the same for the 195 other Year 7 students. I then had a huge job of trying to sort out the 195 students into tutor groups. As you can imagine this has not been an easy job. I have to make sure that each tutor group has a balance of; boys and girls, a range of abilities, a range of attendance, a mix of friendship groups and a mix of primary schools. I now have this all finalised. In this pack you will find a letter written to you by your new form tutor introducing themselves.

I mentioned that my team of tutors was competitive and included in this information pack is a transition competition for you to take part in. By completing the challenges you can earn Kudos (reward) points for your tutor group and also contribute to the year group as a whole. I do hope that you will get yourself involved.

This pack also contains other activities for you to complete over the summer break; some maths challenges, English work and most importantly an information booklet that will help you get to know Springwell a little better. Please read this booklet and try to fill in as many of the quiz answers as you can. Do not worry if you cannot answer all of them (for example the timetable page) we can fill in any blanks in September. The important thing is that you try and have a go at everything. You will also receive a small gift of a book from Springwell to you, it is an example of the sort of book that secondary students read. It is really important that you read all of the book over the summer break as it will be part of our discussions in September. How you read your book is your choice; you can read it alone, out loud, with family members. However, whichever way you decide, we look forward to hearing what you thought of it when you arrive.

Please go to the Springwell website [www.springwell.ttct.co.uk](http://www.springwell.ttct.co.uk) and click on Our College and then on Culture and the Year 6 Transition. Here you will find a section called Year 6 to 7 transition 2021. Click on the virtual tour. Watch the video please. 😊

Your parents/carers will be invited to a virtual Transition evening where they will receive key information about the college expectations, uniform, behaviour and other policies. This will take place in July and we will write to your parents/carers to invite them to this meeting.

We have a saying at Springwell “once a Springwell student, always a Springwell student” and the whole college look forward to meeting you really soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R McAlpine', is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

Miss R McAlpine  
Student Progress Leader Year 7