

CAUSEWAY SCHOOL

PUTTING ACHIEVEMENT FIRST

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that your son/daughter has been allocated a place at Causeway School and we are looking forward to their arrival in September. The move from primary to secondary school is a big step so we have been planning a really exciting transition programme to support your child.

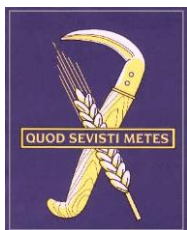
I have been so impressed by the overwhelming sense of community that exists at the heart of Causeway School, bringing together students, staff, parents and carers. As Headteacher my mission is simple; to ensure that every single member of the school community is 'putting achievement first', fostering happy, confident learners who leave school with the right skills and qualifications for the world they are growing into.

Later in the year we will be writing to your son/daughter inviting them into school to take part in all sorts of different activities so that by the time they join us in September as Year 7s they know what it's going to be like, they've made some new friends and don't spend the summer holidays worrying!

Overview of Causeway School's Transition programme:

- i. We begin visiting primary schools as soon as places have been allocated in March, working with Year 6 teachers and SENCOs to ensure we are fully prepared for each individual student in our care.
- ii. The Head of Year 7 and a few Year 7 students will arrange to visit your son/daughter in their primary school to deliver an assembly and will answer any questions they may have about moving to Causeway School.
- iii. Some Year 6 students will be from small schools where they may be the only student coming to Causeway, so we have a special day for them to meet other students in a similar position and we buddy them up.
- iv. During transition week commencing Monday 26th June we will run a full programme of after school taster sessions so all our new students can experience something they enjoy, and get to know the school, whilst meeting new friends.
- v. Parents and carers will be invited in following transition week on Monday 3rd July to meet their tutor and attend an information evening about preparing for Causeway School, and how to support your son/daughter to achieve their very best once they start.
- vi. Year 7 Transition Day will take place on Tuesday 4th July.





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- vii. A range of master classes will be delivered to our new students in Causeway's specialist classrooms over the year to give a flavour of exciting lessons to come.
- viii. The support and communication continues as your son/daughter becomes part of Causeway School with an autumn term Year 7 Parents' Evening.

As a mother of two young children at primary school, I am well aware of the importance of happy, successful young people, thriving at school and ambitious to do their very best. I have been part of the leadership teams raising standards at Hove Park School, West Blatchington Primary School, and last year at Peacehaven Community School. In all of these schools, successes include rapid improvement in attainment measures across Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 5, as well as lifting two of the school's Ofsted gradings from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good'.

I understand that Causeway School was not your first preference school and therefore would be very happy to meet with you, show you around the school, and address any concerns you may have. We have an exciting future as we strive to become one of the most improved schools in the country. We are a small school which is a real strength when supporting our new students across transition; we are a close family of teachers and students with the advantage of truly knowing and caring for each individual. In partnership with Swale Academies Trust we are focused on school improvement and continuous learning for both our students and our staff. Our students are at the centre of everything we do; putting their achievement first, within a caring community rich with opportunity and I can not wait to welcome your son/daughter as part of that community at Causeway School.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Liza Leung
Headteacher

