

September 2023 - Welcome Letter

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. As we embark on another exciting academic year at Pembroke, I would like to extend a warm welcome to students both returning and new. It brings me immense joy to witness the buzz in the Academy once again. This year, the addition of over 120 Year 7 students has grown our school family to a remarkable 570. This is testament to our growth and achievement from the modest 160 students we began with back in 2017.

Pembroke's growth continues due to the efforts of our students, staff, and the support from parents such as yourselves. Our commitment to maintaining excellence remains unwavering, and this year's focus remains crystal clear: achieving strong outcomes for students across all Key Stages to improve their life chances and make them citizens of the world. This is underpinned through the development of four key capitals: cultural, creative, academic and social.

Updates on Our Team

With the growth in our student body, it's with great delight that we welcome fresh faces to the expanding Pembroke team:

T Alderman

Examination Officer

W Blyth

Mathematics Teacher

A Burgwin

Administrative Assistant

C Burton

Learning Support Assistant

N Dennis

Science Technician

S Howells

Sports Facilities & Lettings Manager

R Jones

Learning Support Assistant

K Prakash

Science Teacher

D McClements

Learning Support Assistant

J Moss

Administrative Assistant - Inclusion

C Ridealgh R Pledger **English Teacher**

PE Teacher

O Thompson

Learning Support Assistant

C Veltman

Inclusion Officer - Attendance

H Wardle

Science Teacher

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RAAC

Elsewhere, you may have seen recent media coverage regarding the Department for Education (DfE) and its messages about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). The academy has been following, and will continue to follow, all guidance issued by the DfE on this subject, and we are able to reassure you that no RAAC has been identified at our site.

ParentPav

Parents should all now have access to ParentPay which is the only system we use to pay for trips/visits/revision books etc in school as we are a cashless school **apart from in the diner**. We understand that the activation letter issued from ParentPay could be misleading but to clarify, we are <u>not</u> cashless in our diner. Some parents may be setting up a parent credit account thinking that they are adding funds into the cashless catering system but this is in fact creating a holding credit account to be able to transfer funds for items such as trips in the future. Please see a link to the guidance from ParentPay https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4409657929361-Payer-guidance-How-to-top-up-your-account-and-then-pay-for-items

To conclude, our school thrives on collaboration and effective communication. I encourage you to stay informed about school events and activities through our website and social media channels. Your child's progress is of vital importance, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly via phone or email if any concerns arise. Our motto, "Achieving Together," highlights the need for us to work together to achieve success for your child.

I am without a doubt that 2023 will be yet another exceptional year for Pembroke! Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards.

Mr S Evans Headteacher