

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Durrington High School as part of our September 2026 intake. We understand that moving to secondary school is a big step and we want to ensure a smooth and supportive transition for both students and parents.

Our dedicated Year 7 team is here to support your child every step of the way. Here's a little about us:



Miss Vaughan- Year 7 House Leader

I am the Year 7 House Lead and have held this role for the past two academic years. After spending many years in primary education, I transitioned to secondary schools with the goal of helping students navigate the transition, and bridge the gap between primary and secondary learning. Alongside my team, I support Year 7 students in their pastoral needs, ensuring a strong connection between their well-being and academic progress. In addition to this role, I also teach English and Social and Moral Education.

Mr Rahman- Year 7 Deputy House Leader



My name is Mr Rahman, and I'll be your Deputy House Leader during your first year at Durrington. Besides potentially teaching some of you Science, my role will be to help you settle in and rise to every challenge a new school brings you.

My job will be helping you ensure you find your place and fit at Durrington, both in lessons and outside of them. I have been a form tutor for a Year 7 form many times, so I know the anxieties and worries you will have, but I also know those disappear quickly and how best to make that happen.

I have far too many interests to list them here, but I will look forward to finding out about all of yours and I'm sure that we will find plenty to chat about!

Mrs Mustill- Year 7 Pastoral Leader



I am Mrs Mustill and I am the Year 7 Pastoral Manager at Durrington High School. My role is to help our Year 7 pupils and their families as they settle in, and to continue that support throughout their first year with us.

Coming previously from a Primary School background, I understand the transition to high school can be daunting for some students, and therefore ensure I provide a supportive environment for all.

In my free time I have an allotment, enjoy cooking/baking, and love to relax reading a good book.

Ms Bea- Year 7 Pastoral and Behavioural Support



I am the Year 7 Pastoral and Behavioural Support and help out in the Year 7 office during the first period of the day and after school, also running year 7 homework club. I have been at Durrington High since 2022 and have worked as a teaching assistant alongside all of the teachers in our school, across every subject and year group. I also run literacy interventions for key stage 3 pupils and assist EAL students with any difficulties they may have with transitioning into an English speaking school. All this means I have an excellent understanding of what life at Durrington looks like and what support our students need to help them thrive both academically and socially.

Mrs Fuller- Year 7 Senior Leadership Link



I am Mrs Fuller and I am an Assistant Headteacher here at Durrington High School and I am the Year 7 SLT link.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our school. I teach PE so I may have the privilege of teaching some of you! Football is my favourite sport and I am a Southampton fan (no judgement!) I play for AFC Portchester and we are hoping to win the league! I also enjoy walking my dog Arlo in my spare time.

Next steps

To help you and your child feel prepared and excited for the journey ahead, we have planned several events over the coming months and **will release specific dates in the future/closer to the time of the specific event**. Please keep your eyes out for communications sent via email. The events are as follows:

Spring 2:

- **Meet and greet event-** (Email to follow shortly) a relaxed opportunity for you and your child to come into school, meet other students and the members of the Year 7 team, and ask any questions you may have as your child prepares to join us.

Summer 1:

- **Weekly Coffee Mornings-** Join us for informal coffee mornings where you can meet the Year 7 team, members of the senior leadership team and other parents. These mornings provide a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Dates and times for these will follow shortly.

Summer 2: Transition Events

- **School Visits-** Our Year 7 team will visit primary schools to get to know your child through: talking to their current teacher; talking them through frequently asked questions and a typical Durrington day; and giving them an opportunity to ask questions. This will ensure they know some friendly faces before the transition day
- **SEND Workshops-** This will be an invite only workshop for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Parents will work with the SEND team to ensure the needs of your child are well known to us before they start in September. There will also be opportunities for the students to come in and familiarise themselves with the staff and school
- **Transition Evening Events-** Over a two week period, your child will have the opportunity to sign up for a variety of after-school sessions run by our staff. This is a great way to explore the school and meet teachers. Dates and activities to follow.
- **Small School Event-** For children coming from smaller schools, we will hold a special, invite-only, event to help them build friendships before starting at Durrington High.
- **New Intake Day- 1/7/26-** Your child will spend a full day at Durrington High, meeting their new form and tutor while experiencing life at the school.
- **Intake Evening- 1/7/26-** Following the intake day, we invite parents to an evening event where you'll hear from our leadership and Year 7 team, meet tutors, and ask any questions.

We look forward to meeting you and your child soon. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the following email: transition@durring.com. You can also get to see more of all the exciting things going on at Durrington by following our social media streams [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#).

Kind regards,

Miss Vaughan

Year 7 House Lead
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