



WELCOME TO THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL

YEAR 6 TRANSITION GUIDE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

MY NAME:

WELCOME FROM YOUR HEAD OF YEAR 7

Hello, I am Miss Brady, Head of Year 7 at The Castle Rock School and I am extremely excited to welcome you and for you to start with us in September 2022.

You have an exciting journey ahead of you with a wide range of opportunities available to help you grow and develop, not just in the classroom, but also as part of our wider school community.

If you approach every day with kindness, respect, determination and hard work, you will really enjoy being part of our Year 7 team. The Castle Rock School has a strong community ethos where each student is part of a caring school community. You will be able to access appropriate support for both your academic and pastoral needs, through our Year 7 team.

I recognise that starting a new school can be both exciting and a little daunting, so our transition programme ensures that you will feel confident in your new school environment at the start of the academic year. As Head of Year, I am always proud of the welcome that our Year 7 students receive from other students, and the ease with which they settle in to school life. As you read this guide I hope you will gain an understanding of the rich experience The Castle Rock School provides and the high expectations we have of all our students.

Welcome to The Castle Rock School.



Sarah Brady
Head of Year

Email any questions and for more info to office@castlerocksch.uk

WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

We are delighted that you are joining us at The Castle Rock School. As part of the Lionheart Educational Trust we set high standards and have high expectations. Our culture is founded on hard work, outstanding care, guidance and support and inspiring teaching.

We will encourage you to strive to be the best you can be, to take personal responsibility and to enjoy learning in a wide range of academic, cultural, social and sporting opportunities.

We are passionate about learning. We want you to enjoy school and with our new seamless 7 year curriculum, we know that you will be prepared for your next step. We also value your personal, social and emotional development.

Our committed staff know the importance of nurturing ambition and creativity. They will expect the best from you in your attitude to learning, your exemplary behaviour and uniform.

We want you to achieve the highest standards in a safe, secure and positive environment within our school community.

I am proud to lead The Castle Rock School and I look forward to getting to know you more.



Julia Patrick
Executive Headteacher

GETTING READY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

We are a big school and you will become part of The Castle Rock Family. We would like you to answer the following questions so that we can get to know you!

1. What is your favourite colour or food?
2. Do you support a football team and which one?
3. What is your absolute dream job?
4. What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?
5. What is your favourite time of the day and why?
6. What is the most recent book, movie read/seen recently that you would recommend and why?
7. If you could hang out with any cartoon character, who would you choose and why?
8. If you could be any superhero, Marvel or DC, who would it be and why?

Please try and find out what other pupils and form tutors have given as their answers.

ALL ABOUT ME

Be reflective and tell us about you, what do you like to do?

Who do you live with?

What are your favourite foods?

What are your favourite subjects?

What is the best book you have ever read?

What is your favourite song and why?

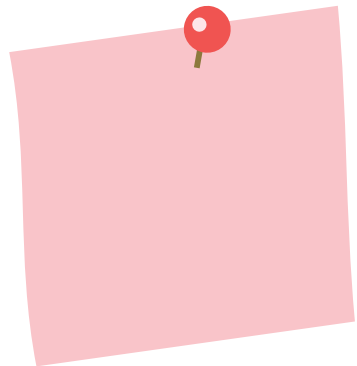
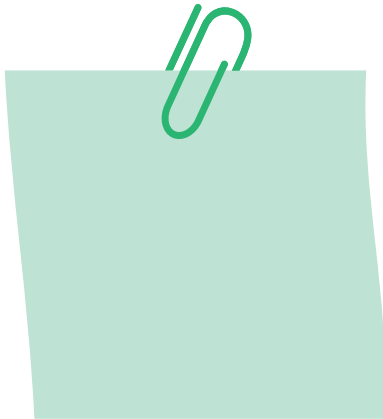
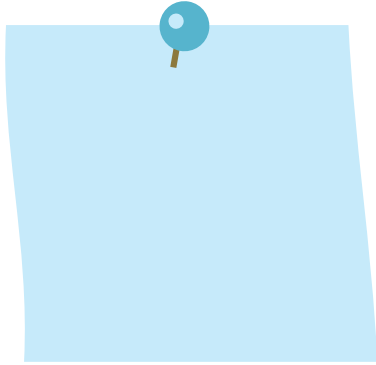
WHAT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO



MY HOBBIES AND INTERESTS



WHAT WORRIES ME ABOUT MOVING SCHOOL



INTERVIEWS WITH PREVIOUS YEAR 7s



"I was nervous at first but there are so many people you can talk to. My Head of Year, Pastoral Mentor, and form tutor are so helpful."

"I was worried about getting lost but all the staff are really kind and friendly and helped me. I am really settled now and don't even need my timetable."



"I love being at The Castle Rock School. The school dinners are amazing!"



"My biggest worry coming into Year 7 was not fitting in. When I came here, my biggest happiness was fitting in."

SCHOOL TIMES

Your tutor will tell you more about the times of the school day. Write them below.

TIME	ACTIVITY
	Tutor Time
	Period 1
	Period 2
	Break
	Period 3
	Period 4
	Period 5

WHAT HAPPENS AT BREAK TIME?

WHAT CAN WE BUY FOR BREAK?

HOW MUCH ARE THINGS TO BUY?

WHAT HAPPENS AT LUNCH TIME?

WHAT CAN WE BUY FOR LUNCH?

HOW MUCH IS AN AVERAGE MEAL DEAL?

MY SCHOOL BAG

When you start at The Castle Rock School one of the main differences is that you will be responsible for all of your equipment and you will take it home each night.

What things do you think you should bring to school each day?



GETTING TO SCHOOL

HOW WILL I GET TO SCHOOL?

WHO WILL I COME WITH?

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

VALUES

We can be the best we can be by:

- 1. Being kind and respectful**
- 2. Working hard**
- 3. Taking personal responsibility**
- 4. Persevering**

“Who will be ambitious on our behalf if we are not ambitious for ourselves?”

How will you be the best that you can be at The Castle Rock School?

INTRODUCTION TO SLANT

At The Castle Rock School we explicitly teach respectful behaviour in lessons using **SLANT**. Find out what each letter in **SLANT** stands for and fill in the blanks on this page.

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INTRODUCTION TO SHAPE

At the The Castle Rock School we expect pupils to present themselves in a professional and “polished” manner. We explicitly teach presentation skills using **SHAPE**. Find out what each letter in **SHAPE** stands for and fill in the blanks on this page.

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INTRODUCTION TO PROUD

At The Castle Rock School we take pride in our written work and presentation in all of our subjects.

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RESILIENCE AND POETRY

At The Castle Rock School we believe in learning poetry by heart. Poetry is wonderful because it broadens our horizons, teaches us about life and can turn words into emotions. And when you learn poetry off by heart it becomes a part of you. Below is a poem about **resilience**. Resilience is the ability to recover from something difficult and keep going. We would like you to spend some time learning this poem off by heart before you start at The Castle Rock School. When you join us, we will say it together.

INVICTUS BY WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

**Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.**

**In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.**

**Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.**

**It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul**

LETTER TO YOUR FUTURE SELF

Write a letter to your future self about what you will have achieved

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