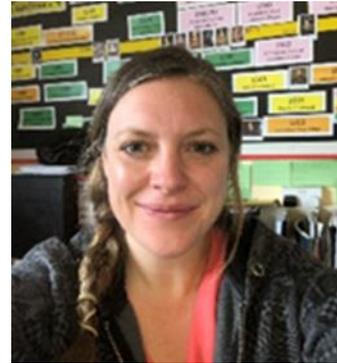


Dear 7E

Welcome to Beaminster School!

My name is Miss Patten and I am going to be your form Tutor while you are at Beaminster. I am looking forward to welcoming you all in person in September. This is a strange time and we all feel a little nervous, but I hope you are all excited about your move to secondary school.



As we cannot meet for now, I thought I would write to tell you a bit about me and Tutor. I have been at Beaminster for three years as the Lead History teacher, and prior to that I worked in Southampton as Head of Religious Studies. I oversee the curriculum and ensure that you get to study a wide range of topics and do it in a fun and interactive way. As a historian, you will find that I will often incorporate history into Tutor time. Outside of this, I also am involved in the Duke of Edinburgh award and I run a number of trips that you will have the opportunity to go on.

I was born near London but grew up in Wimborne. I went to Portsmouth University and Southampton and I have also lived in Canada. However, I have always loved Dorset and I am glad to be back here.

When I am not at school I am kept busy with our orchard. We have 2,600 trees along with several pigs, ducks and geese. I have recently hatched out some ducklings, which are really cute. I enjoy walking my three dogs around the orchard and spending time with the animals. I have a number of hobbies such as snowboarding, although I don't get to do it enough.

As your Tutor, I will endeavour to help you all achieve your potential in secondary school. I aim to make Tutor a time for you to reflect on what has happened during the week and keep you up to date with what is happening around the school. We get to spend most mornings together where we can discuss any day to day issues and also check to make sure that you are organised for the day ahead. Our base will be my classroom, so you will always know where to find me if you want to talk about anything.

Although for a lot of your lessons you will not be in your Tutor group, there are still a number of things we do together as a Tutor, for example house matches. I am really competitive and this year I want to try and be the best house in events! I will need you to take part and get involved in as many of these house events as possible, so we can be the best in Year 7!

Secondary school is an exciting step in your life. There may be some challenging times, but there will also be lots of fun times. You will be given so many opportunities to take part in things from house matches, school trips, being a prefect and many more. All I ask of you is that you get involved, take advantage of all the opportunities and enjoy it! I am always here if you ever need any help.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on our first day together, watching new friendships grow and you getting a good feel for our school. You will have ample time to get around, see where things are and learn how to do the most important thing, buy lunch!

If you ever have any questions or want to speak to me directly, then please email kpatten@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Enjoy the summer holidays and I will see you soon.

Miss Patten