

Peer Mentors

At The Willink we are very proud of how well existing students welcome all new students into the school.

Moving from Year 6 to Year 7 can be a daunting time – and might be more daunting for students who have been completing home learning during school closures. To support students The Willink School runs an excellent Peer Mentoring Scheme and our Year 7 students agree that mentors help them to settle into The Willink. We are very proud of our supportive team of mentors and the work that they do in supporting their younger peers.



Peer Mentors are students in Year 10 who have had training to help guide their peers through school. They will be on hand to help during the transition process and on Year 7' students' first day at school. Peer Mentors are attached to every tutor group throughout Year 7 and several students have 1:1 mentors. They will attend Tutor sessions and help to run Inter-House quiz, meet with individual students to answer questions and offer advice and offer support to complete homework amongst many other things. Peer Mentors will also complete team building and getting to know us activities.

The Peer Mentors can be identified by a badge and are available during morning and afternoon break in designated areas (including the Head of Learning Office) and are a real presence in morning registration.



All Year 7 students are supported by the mentoring team during their transition to The Willink School. We also liaise with primary staff to find out if individuals would will specifically benefit from a 1:1 mentor.

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Messages From Peer Mentors



Hi! My name is Leila and I am Peer Mentor at Willink School. Soon, you'll have some peer mentors come and visit you at your primary school. Be sure to make a good first impression and remember that the peer mentors are there to help you.

Some of you may be feeling excited, and that's great: some of you may be feeling anxious, and that is completely normal. The peer mentors who visit you will take any of your questions and listen to any of your concerns. Some of you may have older siblings at The Willink. Others will know nobody. Either way, don't worry; you'll make friends and we'll support you.

After our initial visit to your school, you will see us again on your transition days where our smiling and welcoming faces will greet you. We'll be your guides; we'll take you to your lessons and show you everything you need to know.

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Hi! My name is Jacob and I am also Willink School Peer Mentor. I just wanted to let you know a little bit about what peer mentors do when you get to The Willink School.

As Leila has already said, we help out with your transition days but it doesn't end there. We regularly visit your tutor group in the mornings; help you to make friends by playing 'get-to-know-you' games; organise and break and lunchtime clubs and you can come to us to help you resolve your problems.

Let us know what you are interested in and we'll see if we can organise a club for you so that you can meet other people with similar interests to you.

When I was in your position I really appreciated having the Peer Mentors and I felt like I wanted to return the favour by

