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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been an incredibly busy start to the term, but such a positive one also. I wanted to write to let you know how well Year 7 have settled into Hedingham School. It has been a pleasure to see the students begin to navigate the school with confidence, meet new teachers and students and adapt to the new routines and expectations of life at Hedingham School.

I have, along with my staff, been impressed with the positive and proactive attitude students have shown in lessons and around the building. Many of the qualities we promote and celebrate in school have been evident including hard work, resilience, and kindness.

There have been some moments of uncertainty with students and this naturally brings a degree of anxiety. This is typical and entirely normal and our team of Pastoral staff and Tutors are keeping a close eye on all students and quickly offering support where required. Please encourage your children to keep asking questions if unsure, I have no doubt that these uncertainties will quickly iron out. This week children have had assemblies on where to seek support in the school, namely their Form Tutor, the Student Support Centre (SSC) and via the following email address: safe@hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for your support as Parents/Guardians in supporting your child's transition by ensuring that they have the correct uniform, they are fully equipped, discussing timetables and supporting with completion of their transition booklets.

I have spoken with all Year 7 students and encouraged them to get involved with as many facets of school life as possible. They come with a curiosity and enthusiasm and it is important that this is channelled. We have a club marketplace on Wednesday next week during the school day that all of Year 7 attend. We have asked students to sign up to clubs so we can compile registers and we welcome an active interest in the programme we offer.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Finally, we are hosting our annual Year 7 Parents "Meet the Tutor Evening", on **Thursday 17 September at 5.30 pm** that we would like to invite you to. The event is in the main hall where information will be offered around key events ahead. This will be followed by the opportunity to meet your child's Tutor (in smaller groups). As the Form Tutor is the first point of contact, we felt it important that you have the opportunity to put a face to the name and ask any questions at this early stage.

This is not an evening to individually sit with teaching staff and discuss progress, this happens at a later date. Other staff are accessible during the evening, including all senior staff, to address other questions, including those surrounding Arbor.

Please note that the evening is designed for Parents/Guardians and **not** students. Please complete the form via the following link to let us know if you will be attending:

[Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening – Fill out form](#)

Yours sincerely

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