



## Year 6 Transition Newsletter Number Three

Hello again!

This time we are going to introduce you to some more members of staff and tell you about the subjects you will be studying in Year 7!

Can you remember how many different subjects you will be doing?



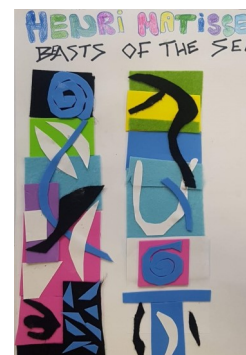
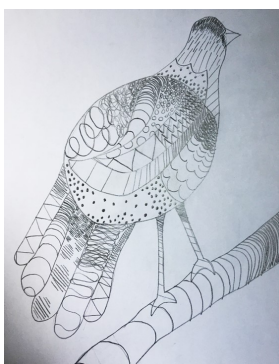
### Art:

Art in Year 7 is an exciting time to learn how to use different art materials and improve your art skills. You have one hour of Art lessons each week where you will be doing fun Art projects to learn different techniques. You will start with a project about birds where you will learn drawing techniques and how to make a bird collage. Then you will be studying printmaking to design your own tile in the style of The Arts and Crafts Movement. You will also be using clay to make a 'beastly creature' as part of your research into gargoyles and grotesques.

You also have the chance to come to Art Club every Tuesday lunchtime to spend more time on your Art work. We can't wait to meet you and to help you develop your creative skills and talents!



Miss Cole  
Head of Art



These are photos of work done by some of our Year 7 students -  
maybe it will be your work we show here next year...

## Humanities — Geography, History, Religious Studies and P.S.H.E

Hello!

Humanities at Hobart includes the departments of: History, Geography, Religious studies and PSHE and in Year 7 you will study a broad range of interesting topics...



In Geography you will start the year studying the United Kingdom, its places and its weather.

You'll then complete topics about Earthquakes and Volcanoes and Rocks and Soils before finishing the year with a project on Africa.

In History you will learn about the Stone and Iron Ages, what happened in 1066 and William the Conqueror's control of England.

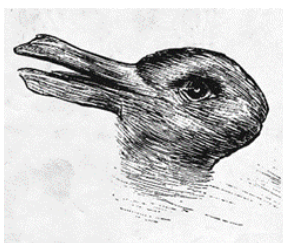
Later in the year you'll find out about the Black Death and how the Tudors changed religion.



PSHE is Personal, Social and Health Education. You'll learn more about yourself — how to make a great first impression at high school, including making new friends and being a successful student. You'll also look at life's changes, healthy living, keeping safe and the pressures of growing up.

### R.E.:

In our R.E. lessons, we try to understand why people who believe in a religion might choose to act in a certain way - for example they may celebrate different holidays. Hindus celebrate Holi which is a very colourful festival where brightly coloured powder is thrown over people. Why do they do this? We will find out!



Your personal view is very important and we often have class discussions about the topics we are working on. It is important to listen to other students points of view even if you disagree with them. If you look at this image you may see one thing but another student could see something else...

In lessons we make items to support our learning - recently we made a Tzitzit which forms a special part of a Jewish prayer shawl - it takes quite a bit of concentration and the ability to tie a good knot!



I look forward to meeting you in lessons and hope you will enjoy this subject at Hobart.



Mr  
Thompson  
Head of  
Humanities



Ms  
Nethersell  
Assistant  
Head of  
Humanities



Mrs Webb  
R.E.  
Teacher

## Science:

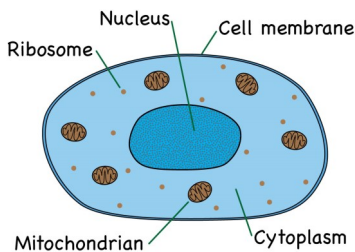
I hope you're all well and looking forward to joining us in Year 7. I've already had the privilege to meet many of you during our Forensics days earlier in the year and look forward to meeting all of you properly in September.

In Year 7 you will be learning about some of the core ideas in Biology, Chemistry and Physics such as cells, organ systems, atoms, forces, and space. Your Science teachers will use a mixture of activities including lots of hands-on practical work to support your learning. You will also learn the key skills needed to succeed in Science such as using results tables, drawing graphs, taking measurements, risk assessment and designing scientific investigations.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to getting to know you all in September.



Mr Brown  
Head of  
Science



## English:

The English team at Hobart High School is very excited about meeting you, next year. In English, you will practise a range of writing, reading and speaking and listening skills, and explore a range of fiction and non-fiction from across the ages.

Next year, I want to promote writing for real audiences e.g. sending letters to organisations/individuals to voice your thoughts, concerns and possible solutions to issues that you feel strongly about. In the past few years some students have received responses from some very powerful and influential people across the world!

Outside of lessons, I would love you to become involved in the launch of the Hobart High School Debating Society, Book Group and/or Creative Writing Club.



Ms  
Rodden  
Head of  
English



Last December, Year 7s enjoyed a Victorian Murder Mystery outing, as part of their learning about the Victorian era and Victorian literature in English.



## Maths:

I would like to begin by extending a warm welcome from the Maths department — we are looking forward to you joining our community and continuing your Mathematical journey.

At Hobart, we know that everyone can improve in Maths. We are here to help you improve from wherever you are now. If you absolutely love Maths and cannot wait to get started, that's brilliant but if it sometimes makes you nervous and you find it tricky that is fine too.

Making mistakes is one of the most important parts of Maths teaching, our classrooms are a safe and supportive environment to take risks. You will be encouraged to try problems and puzzles in which misconceptions are supposed to happen so that we can learn how to respond.



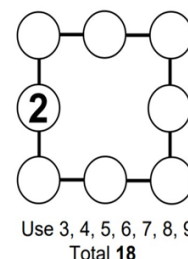
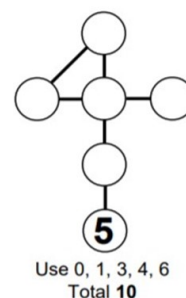
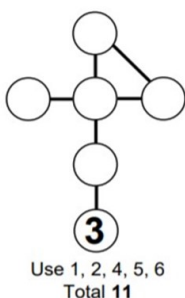
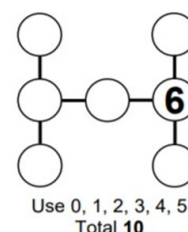
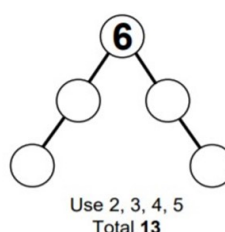
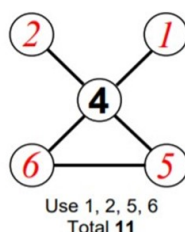
Miss  
Rudd

Head of  
Maths

Try this Totalines game!

Numbers have to be placed in the empty circles. The numbers to be used are listed under each diagram and no given number may be used twice. The object is to place the numbers so that all those which lie along a straight line, as shown by the lines drawn, add up to the total which is also given under the diagram.

The first one has been done for you!



## Drama:

Hello Year 6! We explore three topics in Year 7, beginning with An Introduction to Drama. You will be introduced to key strategies that you can use and at the end of the topic you will create a short performance where you get the chance to show off these skills.

Moving on to the Spring term, you will be exploring the concept of Theatre in Education in the topic Save the Planet! You will be introduced to a variety of ideas based upon what we can do to help protect planet Earth and then you will create an educational performance aimed at Primary School children.

Finally, in the Summer term, you will be investigating Comedy. We will explore extracts from comedic scripts and you'll choose one of these to develop into an assessed performance.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you in September and seeing what fantastic work you can produce!



Mrs King  
Head of  
Drama

## Modern Foreign Languages:

So, what is this all about? When you arrive at Hobart, you will spend a few weeks learning French, Spanish and German, before choosing the 2 you want to continue with.

The content will be similar in all languages and will include and build on some material which you may have started at Junior School.

- Basic greetings, numbers and family;
- Where you live;
- School;
- Hobbies;
- Town and shopping.



The aim is that you will have a good bank of language you can use when speaking with other people - particularly useful if you go on any of our trips abroad in later years!

This was written by one of our current Year 7 students:

Nous sommes quatre en famille, c'est à dire ma soeur cadette, mon frère et ma mère, mon père et moi.

J'habite dans une assez petite maison dans un village qui s'appelle Berghapton, mais je voudrais habiter à New York, parce que c'est plus animée.

Mon collège s'appelle Hobart High School à Loddon près de Norwich en Angleterre.

J'adore chanter cependant je n'aime pas jouer à des jeux vidéos, car je crois qu'ils sont stupides.

Is this French, German or Spanish? What will you be able to write?

## Information Technology and Computing:

The IT and Computing Department would like to welcome you to Hobart. You will have a lesson per week, during which you have the opportunity to become confident using the software you need for your subjects at school. You will learn some great new skills and we will help you design and code a game, create a multi-media presentation, design a wildlife leaflet and a Christmas card. We have some competitions, these include a Pixel art competition that we run with all classes. We also have micro bits that we use to make a virtual pet, a step counter or the game 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'.

We want you to enjoy using technology and we will challenge and help you to design, make and model in our subject. We want you to create the future technologies we use! Below are 2 links to 2 excellent games that have been created by our current Year 7 students. Please have a look at them and admire the skills those students have developed.

By Danielle: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/383729539/>

By Oliver: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/405900209/>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is: [aball@hobart.org.uk](mailto:aball@hobart.org.uk)



Mr Rushton

Head of

MFL



Mr Ball

Head of

IT,

Computing  
and Business

## Design and Technology:

Hello Year 6! The whole D&T team is really looking forward to you joining Hobart in September when we will be able to meet you all properly.

In Design and Technology we work on a rotation system, so in Year 7 you will have an opportunity to learn new skills in Food Preparation and Nutrition, Textiles, Graphics and Product Design.

## Food Preparation and Nutrition:

This is your chance to channel your inner Jamie Oliver or Nadiya Hussain and develop your own cooking style whilst learning to work safely and hygienically. Our Healthy Eating unit involves safety in the kitchen, equipment and its uses, and nutrition and making healthy choices.

You will be demonstrating a whole new range of skills and making dishes to share at home!



Mrs Horn

Head of

Food

Preparation  
and

Nutrition  
and

Textiles

## Textiles:

In Year 7 we introduce you to Textiles. You will be designing and making a cushion with decoration, based on the theme of 'nature'. As part of this, you will learn to use a sewing machine and some basic hand sewing techniques.

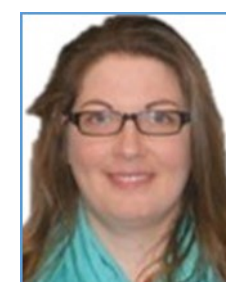


## Product Design:

Product Design lessons will help you build your confidence in the workshop using a wide range of different tools and processes while learning about mechanisms and movement. During the Mechanisms and Movement unit you will design and make a small car. We then race the cars and investigate how changing things such as gears, pulleys and motors affects the speed and distance the car travels.

## Graphics:

In Graphics you will be introduced to laser cutting technology, design and make your own earphone winder and also learn about different types of plastics. Our Graphical and Presentation Techniques teaches you about typography and a variety of different graphical techniques, including perspective drawing and rendering.



Mrs Brown

Head of

Product  
Design

and  
Graphics



If you would like a challenge over the summer have a go at building a

## Marvellous Marble Run!

Be as inventive as you can and see if you can build a marble run using only card and tape.

Cereal packets and packaging boxes can all be repurposed to create an exciting route for your marble.

How far can the marble travel?

How fast will the marble travel?

There are loads of ideas on the internet - also take a look at these amazing marble runs made by students.



If you make a marble run — we'd love to see it! Send us a picture to [office@hobart.org.uk](mailto:office@hobart.org.uk)

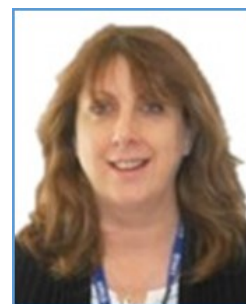
### Music:

At Hobart you will have one hour of class music per week in the music department. We have lots of instruments and during your time at Hobart you will have the chance to play keyboards, percussion instruments, guitars and ukuleles.

You also have the chance to take instrumental lessons with one of our visiting teaching staff. We have several clubs for you to join, including a concert band and a choir. You might want to be in one of our musical productions - our last one was 'Oliver!'

During year 7 you will study The Elements of Music, Keyboard playing, Rhythm work, Dance music, Samba and Gamelan.

Looking forward to meeting you all and making some music together.



Mrs Wareham  
Head of Music



## PE:

We are very lucky at Hobart as we have some great Sports facilities which will provide you with lots of opportunities to develop a number of skills in a number of sports.



Sports Hall



Swimming Pool



Netball Courts



Astro Turf Pitch



Mr

Stone

Head of  
P.E.

In Y7 you will have 5 1hour lessons across 2 weeks. You will take part in a number of activities during lessons or in an extra curriculum club such as:

Football Netball Badminton Athletics Swimming Basketball Volleyball  
Cricket Hockey Table Tennis Tennis Gymnastics Fitness Rounders

You will be given a programme, which will tell you which activities you have in your lessons and when you have them. Here is an example of what your programme might look like:

Year 7A FRIDAY PERIOD 5 (WEEK 2)	SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER HALF TERM	OCTOBER HALFTERM - CHRISTMAS	JANUARY – FEBRUARY HALF TERM	FEBRUARY HALF TERM - EASTER
GROUP 1 Girls	NETBALL (JWI)	NETBALL (JWI)	BASKETBALL (JWI)	BASKETBALL (JWI)
GROUP 2 Girls	SWIMMING (MST)	SWIMMING (MST)	HOCKEY (CBA)	HOCKEY (CBA)
GROUP 3 Boys	TABLE TENNIS (RGR)	TABLE TENNIS (RGR)	TABLE TENNIS (RGR)	TABLE TENNIS (RGR)
GROUP 4 Boys	BASKETBALL (CBA)	BASKETBALL (CBA)	SWIMMING (MST)	SWIMMING (MST)

Shows the group number that you will be given.

Shows week, day and period of the PE lesson.

Sport

Teacher

We have lots of lunchtime clubs which are open to everyone—it doesn't matter what your experience and ability is! The clubs are a chance to come and enjoy time with your friends and is also a great opportunity to make new friends. Most of our clubs are game based and you get the chance to use the skills you have learned and practiced in lessons.





As a school we have many different school teams that compete in both league and cup competitions. We also play a number of friendly games to help improve skills and tactical knowledge.

An example of our teams are girls and boys football teams, netball teams, basketball teams and rounders teams. We also compete in athletics and cross-country competitions, at several different levels.

ALL of our teams are selected from the pupils that attend the lunchtime club.



Unisex PE Shirt



Girls PE Shirt



PE Jacket  
(optional)

We have a really smart and practical PE kit!

You will be getting information about what you will need for PE and how to order and buy your PE kit soon!



PE Shorts



PE Skort



PE Socks

I hope you have enjoyed reading all about what you will be doing in your Year 7 lessons and that you have a go at the maths puzzle and making a marble run. Please make sure you do ask and get permission to make one before you start, though!

With this newsletter, I have also sent you an 'All about Me' leaflet, a worksheet from the PE department about sports and fitness activities you do and another about having Music lessons and learning to play instruments or singing.

**Please fill these in and send them back to us before Friday 3rd July — thank you!**

Should you need a spare copy, you can find them on our school website.

There will be another newsletter soon which will be emailed to your parents/carers. Please ask them to watch out for this!

Best Wishes

Mrs Holmes