



## ***Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence***

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Dear students,

Welcome to The Sir John Colfox Academy, and especially, welcome to my tutor group. My name is Mr Sutcliffe, and I am very much looking forward to welcoming you in September. I teach Science (mostly Biology), and have been at the school a very long time (over 25 years) so I may even have taught some of your parents! You will be the 6<sup>th</sup> tutor group which I have had in Year 7. My last group have just finished Year 11, and it doesn't seem very long at all since they were waiting to come up here, just like you. I hope you are excited by the thoughts of starting a new school, with new people and lots of new opportunities. We do know it can be a bit daunting too, so if you are feeling a little bit anxious, that is quite normal. Please don't worry – within a few days you will have very quickly found your way around, met your teachers and settled in. I will do everything I can to support you.

Obviously I want you to work hard and learn well, but I also want you to have a great five years, where you have lots of exciting and varied experiences which you will remember for the rest of your life. This is one of the reasons why I also run the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award - taking students on expeditions in wild places (I've just got back from taking a group to Dartmoor last weekend). So I will be encouraging you to try lots of new things and get involved in all sorts of different activities. I try to do this myself too, and took a group of students to Tanzania 2 years ago - we are hoping to be able to go to Costa Rica next summer. We'll soon get to know each other, but you might like to know a little bit about me:

- As I said, I've taught in this school for over 25 years
- I am originally from the north of England, near Manchester
- I have 4 children who have all come to Colfox – my youngest is still in the 6<sup>th</sup> form
- I love sport and being active – running, cycling, swimming (I'm a bit old for football now) and walking in the mountains. I am learning to paddleboard.
- I support the best football team in the world – you will obviously have guessed which one that is – Burnley.

Enjoy your last few weeks at primary school, and have a great summer. I'm really looking forward to meeting you in September.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Sutcliffe