

# The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Students

**RE: H7RFP Welcome**

**Hinomaru  
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Really  
Fabulous  
Pupil**



First of all, welcome to Colfox and welcome to H7RFP! I'm sad that I won't be able to meet you until after the school holiday, but I can't wait to say hello to you in person. My name is Mrs Pearce and you will be part of my second tutor group here at Colfox. My first group have just finished their GCSE courses and will be moving on to the next stage of their education, and I was lucky enough to be their tutor for all their time in school. I hope to be able to do the same with you.

I am Head of Computer Science, so I will be seeing all of you in lessons at some point over the year, and I love being a Hinomaru tutor. I passionately support my House in all the events that are put on, and I will expect you to do the same. My last tutor group said that I was very competitive, but I don't think I am – I just like cheering my students! Now, I don't mean to brag, but my previous tutor group remained undefeated at Tug of War (an event we hold every September) over the five years they were in school, and I expect no less from you guys, so you had better start training! We also won the House Cup last year, so we have to get winning those House Points! #hin4thewin!!

I know that this is going to be a scary time for all of you, joining a new school, learning new routines, going to a different place and meeting lots and lots of new people. Please let me reassure you that, as your tutor, I am here to support you through this process. I will do everything I can, for the whole time you are in my tutor group, to make sure that you are happy, healthy and safe. If you need anything at all, you just let me know and I will see what I can do – even if it's just to have someone to listen. I am patient, kind and down to earth, and you can talk to me about any issue, large or small. I am always here for you. You'll be able to recognise me easily in the first week because I will wear my Hinomaru hoodie (pictured right) and I have pink stripes in my hair!



I asked some of my current students what I should write in this letter so that I could reassure you all, and these are the best two responses:

“It may be a bit scary to start off with, but as you get to know the staff and other students a bit better, you may find it not so scary. Plus, if you ask for help, you can understand things and you can get great feedback.”

“It is not going to be hard to learn your way around the school.”

I will always support and guide you, but I have high expectations of students in my tutor group. I expect you to be polite and courteous, wear your uniform smartly and with pride, and to always be prepared for your lessons. There will be an equipment check every day, and I expect you to have your planner and your pencil case (with at least two pens, a pencil, a ruler and a rubber). I believe very strongly in Student Voice, so I will give you every opportunity to be heard, and I will encourage all of you to get involved in the wider life of the school. There are many clubs and extra-curricular activities that you can join, and I will urge each and every one of you to try them out.



I have put my email address at the bottom of this letter, so if you or your parent/guardian want to get in touch, you are more than welcome to do so!

So, I am very excited about getting to meet you all in September and I hope that we will have a fab five years together. In the meantime, stay positive and I hope you all have a great summer.

Stay well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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