



HELLO YEAR 6, SOON TO BE YEAR 7!

I hope you and those around you are all keeping well.

My name is Mr Emery and I'm going to be your Progress Leader for your first two years at Higham Lane School.

I'm going to be writing to you weekly between now and the end of term to keep you updated with how things are going at school and share information with you.

At this time of year I usually get to say goodbye to my Year 8 year group and welcome you into school for transition days, target setting days and the information evening. We are looking at all areas of your transition from your current school, to starting with us next term, to see what we can do to make this process as smooth as possible. I've recorded a message to you, as has Mr Kelly, the Headteacher, which you can find on the Year 6 transition section on the school website. There is lots of other information on there, along with some challenges for you to try between now and when you join us. I know a few of you have already started working your way through these. I had a go at one of the maths questions and it had me scratching my head for a while before I finally worked out the answer. Something else I persevered at this week was the Cesc Fabregas "teabag flick challenge", where you have to flick a teabag into a cup with your foot from 2 metres away. This took me quite a few attempts, more than Mo Farrah and Ellie Simmonds, who were set the challenge by Peter Crouch, but I still did it in the end!

Football is something that I've missed over the last few weeks and I was so excited to see the Premier League resume this week. Miss Hemmings (Progress Leader for Year 10) and I share an office and are both Liverpool supporters and we have been trying to work out when the title will be won. Next Wednesday would be the earliest but there are a couple of tricky fixtures in the way.

I know your end of Year 6 isn't going how you have expected and there are lots of things that you have missed out on that are unique to Year 6. I also know your school is doing an excellent job to give you the best final few weeks possible. I'm sure you have been missing lots of things outside of school also. What have you missed most?

Football, or boring football as it is referred to by the rest of my household, is likely to be a common theme in these communications. I enjoy plenty of other activities aside from football and have missed out on attending two music concerts in the last few weeks. To make up for this, I have dusted off some records and CDs (ask your parents!) and listened to music by the bands I've missed out on seeing.

We have all had to make changes, and faced some challenging times recently. Some we haven't enjoyed and some haven't been as bad as we thought they'd be. You have a big change coming when you join us, but I know this will be a positive change and remember- challenges are good, and if we only did what we knew we could do, I think things would be pretty boring!

Enjoy the challenges we have set you, set yourself some personal challenges too and have a good week. If you or your parents or carers have any questions which aren't answered in the Year 6 transition section of the Higham Lane School website or in the booklets you may have received from your primary schools, please email yr6transition@highamlaneschool.co.uk and someone will get back to you.

Stay safe.

Mr Emery

P.S. Please remind your parent/carer to complete the data collection form on the School website if they haven't done so already. www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/yr6transition

