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Dear 7O Parents

This is just a quick letter from me to introduce myself as your son's tutor at Bishops. I am enjoying getting to know your sons and helping them settle in. Understandably, some have been a bit nervous while others have taken the move from primary school in their stride. If there is anything else I can do to help your child then please do let me know.

You will have noted I am sure that every boy has a homework diary, which has a space to write each day's homework in, a space for any comments, either from teachers or parents, and a space for parents and teachers to sign when they are happy the homework has been written in correctly and that it has been done. I check to see they are signed by parents every Monday morning so would ask that you check and sign every weekend. We also have an online system called Insight, which I am sure you know about already. Via Insight you can check all sorts of things, such as homework, the menu in the canteen and even pictures of your son's teachers. You can also use Insight to communicate with the school if your son is going to be absent.

Probably the thing that new Year 7 boys find the hardest when they first start is managing their books. Any help you can give your son to organise their books for the following day is much appreciated, as is a brief check to make sure essential pencil case equipment is still there – it's amazing how quickly some boys can lose a ruler, for example!

I thought you might like to know a bit about me. I was born and bred in a little hamlet just outside Kidderminster in Worcestershire and moved to the Salisbury area for my first teaching job in 1987. I have been at Bishops for four years now and teach Maths up to A level. My wife is a German teacher at South Wilts and I have two daughters; Emma has just started at St Mellitus Bible College in Liverpool studying theology. She lives with her sister Hannah, who is in her second year as a primary school teacher in Wolverhampton. My main interest is sport, mostly watching, but I do play golf (badly!) very early every Sunday morning and I cycle to school most days. We have two dogs, Kipper who is a 14-year old border terrier and is very slow, and Nellie who is a three year old cocker spaniel and is very lively.

I will look forward to seeing you again at the Parent-Tutor tea on 8 October. Thank you for all you have done to support your son and please, if you have any concerns, do feel free to contact me by email at skv@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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7O Tutor