



**W**elcome to the April edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Year 5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, our Year 7 students reflect on their experience of secondary school so far. Despite having a very unconventional year, it's fantastic to listen to the students highlighting all the positives. Overwhelmingly, they talk about how they have made new friends, forged new relationships and feel so welcome as part of our school community. Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter- and previous editions- on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>. For regular updates on transition and our Y7 achievements and successes, follow us on twitter @Y7PontHigh. Finally, if you have any queries specific to KS2-3 transition, please contact us via our dedicated e-mail address: [Year6questions@ponthigh.org.uk](mailto:Year6questions@ponthigh.org.uk)



**Y7 Students:** James, Isabella, Evie, Max, Will, Evan, Mya and Ivy

**Former Primary School:** Belsay Primary School

**PHS Highlights:** 'making new friends', 'having lovely teachers', 'the food from the dinner hall', 'the fun lessons'



**Y7 Students:** Meadow, Sienna and Sanya

**Former Primary School:** Darras Hall Primary School

**PHS Highlights:** 'being made to feel welcome by the teachers', 'making friends with people from other schools' 'playing football on the new MUGA'.

**Y7 Students:** Jeevan and Ethan

**Former Primary School:** Ponteland Primary School

**PHS Highlights:** 'making lots of friends since starting', 'all the new facilities, especially the classrooms'



**Y7 Students:** James, Jake, Charlie, Rhys and Gabriel

**Former Primary School:** Heddon-on-the Wall Primary School

**PHS Highlights:** 'the great new building', 'meeting new people from other schools'

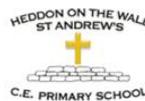


**Y7 Students:** Charlie, Eddie , Evan  
**Former Primary School:** Stamfordham Primary School  
**PHS Highlights:** 'being part of a community', 'going from a small school to a much bigger school has been really exciting', 'it's great having new friends'



**Y7 Students:** Henrietta, Helena, Daisy and Samantha  
**Former Primary School:** Walton Primary School  
**PHS Highlights:** 'great new classrooms', 'enjoying the lessons'

**Y7 Students:** Summer, Lexie-Leigh, Eve  
**Former Primary School:** Richard Coates Primary School  
**PHS Highlights:** 'mixing with people from other schools and PE on the new pitches'



**KS2-3 Recommended Read**

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

