



# Welcome to Selly Park

Year 7 2021

# Welcome from Mrs Darwood - Headteacher



Welcome to all of our new Year 7 pupils who will be joining us in September 2021. It is an exciting time for you as you will be starting your secondary education. Selly Park is an amazing school with so many opportunities for you to delve into; from school trips and school showcases to international council and in-house competitions.

I have worked at Selly Park for 17 years, starting as a Teacher and now residing as a very proud Head Teacher for our school. I have two fantastic daughters who are also teachers and a puppy called Poppy.

We have amazing teachers and staff at Selly Park who put you at the heart of everything they do. By working together we ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us as confident learners with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

We are all looking forward meeting you properly and getting to know you as you carve out your future; we will support you all the way!

# Selly Park

## A beacon of Inspiration and Aspiration

A vibrant school with inspirational teachers and aspirational pupils that engages with our partners to develop confident, knowledgeable and highly skilled pupils who are ready to succeed in the wider world.

### Inspirational Teachers

Teaching and Learning

Leadership and Management

Professional Responsibilities



### Kind & Aspirational Pupils

Behaviour and Attitude

Learning and Engagement

Personal Development



### Engaged Stakeholders

Parents

Community

Partners



### Vibrant Environment

Culture

Learning Beyond the classroom

Buildings and Facilities





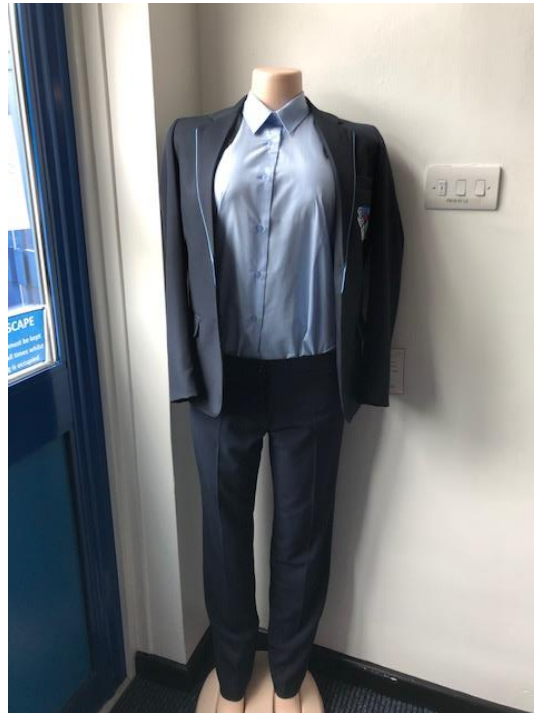
# Our School Building

- Here are some pictures of key areas in and around our school.
- You are also given a map in your planner to help you find rooms.
- Don't forget, you can always ask someone for directions!

# Reception

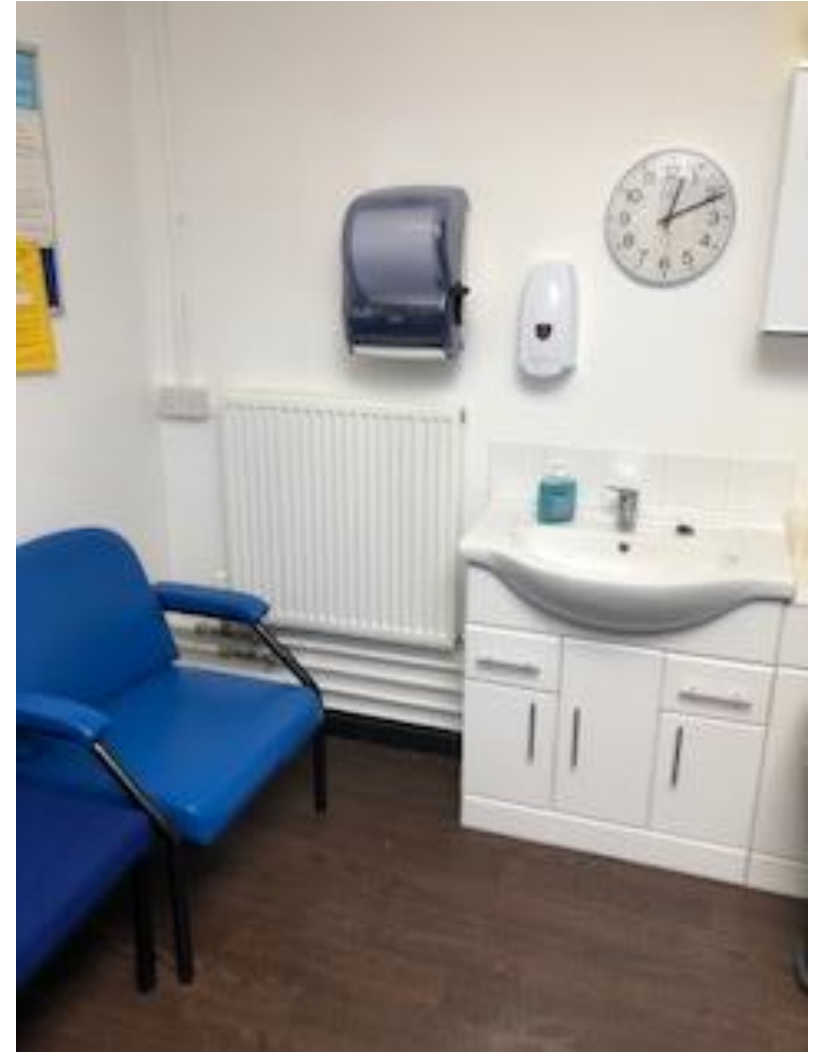


When you come to reception you will see a waiting area with our Core Values and also an example of our uniform. We have two reception staff, Mrs McManus and Mr Shabir who are so helpfully and friendly and will help you with anything you need.



# First Aid

- If you are ever hurt or unwell whilst at school, we have a first aid room and a number of qualified first aiders to help you.
- When you start at Selly Park we will ask you all about any medical requirements you have, so we can make sure we can keep you safe and well whilst at school.



# A Map to help you find your way

- As soon as you walk through into the school from Reception you will find this big map on the wall to help you see where you are and which way you need to go.
- The school will seem big at first but you will soon know every corridor and room number so don't worry.



# Science and Design Technology

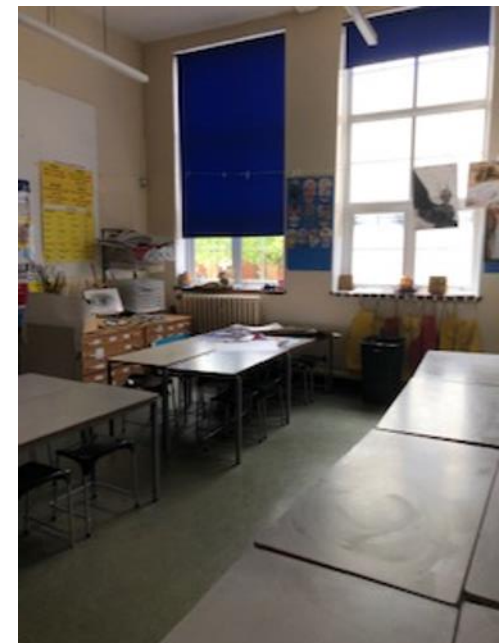
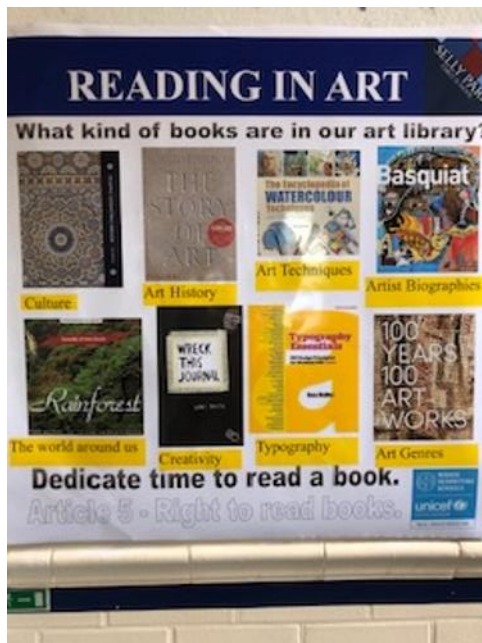
We have some amazingly well equipped departments in school. Two of those are the Science and DT rooms.





# The Art Department

- We have some amazing artists at Selly Park, you will see so many creative art pieces all around school.
- We cherish creativity and the arts at Selly Park, which is why we have such a thriving art department.



# Different Classrooms around school



# The Hall and Dinner Hall

- We hold exams, assemblies and performance events in our large hall.



- We have a break time and a lunch time everyday. During these times you can purchase food from our canteens.



# Who's Who?



Welcome Year 7s. My name is Mr Moore and I am the Deputy Head Teacher at Selly Park. I work closely with Mrs Darwood, the Senior Leadership Team and other staff to make sure that the education and experience you receive at Selly Park is as outstanding as it possibly can be. As well as my leadership roles, I teach History and so there is a good chance that I may teach you at some point during your time with us. Selly Park is a friendly and supportive school and I am confident that the excellent work being undertaken will ensure your transition to secondary school and the time you spend with us will be happy, fulfilling and help you towards achieving fantastic success in the future.

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Hello Year 7s, I am Miss Craig I am the Senior Assistant Head at Selly Park. I have lots of jobs, one of them being organising the timetable and deciding where you are and in what lessons at all times. I am also a PE teacher so I very much look forward to seeing you down in the Sport's Hall.



Hello new Year 7s. I am Mr Gibson, I am an Assistant head and Safeguarding Lead at Selly Park. I also teach History and Geography - so I may even be one of your teachers in September. We are doing everything we can to get things ready for you so you have a smooth and happy transition when you join us.

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Hello I am Mr Arif - I am an Assistant Head teacher and teach Business Studies and Computing but my main job is to support students in attending school and preparing them for their exams and future careers. This includes rewarding students with good attendance and preparing students for the future by working with universities, colleges and professionals outside of school to make sure we are doing all we can to help you achieve your career dreams.



Welcome new Year 7s. I am Mr Turner, I am an Assistant Head and also an Art Teacher. At Selly Park, I am in charge of the curriculum and making sure that you all get rich and rewarding experiences as you learn. Check out the page on the Selly 7! I also make sure we keep in contact with your parents and encourage them to be an active part of our school community.

I also oversee behaviour and inclusion at Selly Park. This means that I will work closely with you to ensure that you are behaving in the best possible way, that you are respectful and kind to one another and are self-disciplined, making the best choices regarding your behaviour.

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Hello I am Mr Swan. I have a really exciting job at Selly Park. I manage all the data and get to check on your progress and report it back to you, your parents and teachers. Due to my passion for theatre, I am also part of a thriving Drama department and co-ordinate our partnership with the Birmingham Hippodrome. We encourage lots of year 7s to get involved with this, so if you love performing and theatre - you will love our Hippodrome projects.



Hello I am Mr Pritchard, I am an assistant head teacher here at Selly Park and also the head of Design and Technology. As an assistant head teacher my responsibility is to make sure that from the moment you enter our school to the moment you leave you receive the best education that is possible. I work closely with all your teachers to help them deliver to you exciting and challenging lessons. I've worked at Selly Park for over 13 years now and look forward to seeing you join our lovely school. I love working at Selly Park because I get to share my passion for designing and making things with all the girls I teach. I have four children of my own and they will be starting years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in September. I also have two dogs and enjoy taking them on long walks in the countryside. When I'm not at school I really enjoy spending time repurposing old objects and turning them into new things to use around my house, as well as watching just about any sport you can think of. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

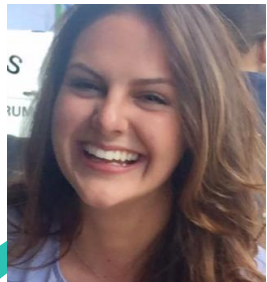
# SENCo – Mrs Phelan



Mrs Phelan

Hello to all the Year 7s! I'm Mrs Phelan and I am the SENCo here at Selly Park and I also teach PE. I am here to help and support pupils in their Selly Park journey, whether it be in or out of the classroom- I want the very best for you. You can find me in the SEND office or on the netball court! It will great to see lots of you participating in extra curricular activities to keep healthy and active.

# Transition Teacher / EAL Lead – Miss Darwood



Hello Year 7s! I'm Miss Darwood and as well as supporting your transition, I work closely with pupils who speak English as an additional language (EAL). I used to be a Primary School Teacher so I am very aware of how different Secondary school may feel for you. Try not to worry at all; Selly Park is full of amazing opportunities, kind pupils and caring staff. I look forward to meeting you!



# Learning Mentors



Hi Year 7,  
I am Miss Westwood and I work as a Learning Mentor here at Selly Park. I am here to support you in lessons but if you're worried or need help with anything outside of lessons too. I have Nurture Groups at lunchtimes if you ever want to join us for a chat and some fun activities! I also speak a few languages, so if English is your second language you may see me in lessons for EAL (English as an Additional Language)



Hello Year 7. I am Mrs Morrison, I am a learning mentor at Selly Park. I work mostly with year 7 pupils and I help you with reading, writing, spelling but most of all making sure you feel safe and happy at school. I have lots of skills and experience and look forward to meeting you.



Hello, I am Mr McCauley. I have worked at Selly Park a long time as a Learning Mentor. I support you in your lessons and I also make sure that your social and emotional well being is also supported. I love music and run the Rights Respecting Choir! Check out our songs.



Hello you!  
Welcome at Selly Park. It's great to see you here. I'm a Learning Mentor and hope to help you with...you guessed, your learning! I might see you in English, maths or science but anything else you need some help with, feel free to ask. I love my sports so if you're up for a game of hockey or cricket, count me in!

# Other Key People in School



Hi, I am Mrs Newton, I am the Head of History and also in charge of Teaching and Learning here at Selly Park. I have been teaching at this school for 25 years now so I may have taught some of your mums!! I have a cat called Misty and in my spare time I love to reading and photography. I'm also really keen on Archaeology as I studied this at university, although I don't go on any digs now!



My name is Mrs Hunt. I am part of the extended leadership team and also in charge of KS3 science (Year 7, 8 and 9). Some of you will be taught by me but mostly you will see me in and around the science department. You will also see me walking through the school at break and lunchtimes to make sure that you are all safe and following the rules.

I live with my husband and two cats. I love to spend time with friends, seeing new places and I also love the theatre.

I hope that you have a really enjoyable first term and that you feel fully supported throughout your five years here with us at Selly Park.



I'm Mr Qureshi, Head of Maths at Selly Park. I want all the girls at this school to achieve their very best in all subjects. I am always here and around should you need any extra help or support in Maths.

When I'm not working I enjoy spending time with my family, music and sports.

I'm Mrs Johnston, Head of English at Selly Park. I love literature and have a great team of teachers who are committed to helping you all do your best in English. Some of you will be taught by me in your lessons.

I am also part of the extended leadership team and make sure that the training that teacher's receive helps you to learn really well whilst at Selly Park. Please say hello if you see me - I am looking forward to meeting you all!



Hello! I'm Miss Hesson and I am the Head of Science, we have 7 science teachers at Selly Park Girls', who are all very excited to meet you. Science is an amazing subject, where you'll learn about how and why things happen in our natural world. Did you know the word science originates from the Latin word 'scire' which means 'to know'?

I have two children and my daughter has a pet hamster called Sprinkle (she's so cute). In my spare time I enjoy reading, baking (which I'm not very good at) and walking.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all.

# Pastoral Support



Hello! I am Mrs Hothi, I am Deputy DSL / Pastoral Manager. I love working at Selly Park because I enjoy the friendly atmosphere and supporting the girls well-being. I am available in the pastoral office, pop in to have a chat! I have a daughter and son, being a mother is the role I'm most proud of. I enjoy listening to music, travelling and socialising with friends.

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours"



I'm Miss Holyoake, welcome to our wonderful school! Everyone here is so supportive of one another, it's a great place to be. I'm one of the Pastoral Managers at Selly Park. I have two teenage boys who keep me busy! In my spare time I like to spend time with my family and friends, cooking and trying new recipes. Come and see me if ever you need to share your thoughts or feelings where I will listen and offer advice and support. I love to hear about your days too! Looking forward to meeting you all.



Hello Year 7! I am Mrs Phillips, an English teacher here at Selly Park. I also run the Big Sister programme, which is a supportive, transitional scheme that will be available to you whilst you are Year 7. It aims to ease your move to Secondary school and ensure that you have a wonderful time here with us!



## Miss C Johnson

Hello everyone! I am Miss C Johnson, I am the Head Teacher's Personal Assistant and our Young Carers Lead.

I remember my first day of secondary school and I was so nervous and scared but excited too as I was going to 'big school' so I completely understand how you feel.

Your first day will be so much fun as you will get to meet all of us and all of the other year 7's who will feel exactly the same. I met some of my friends at Secondary School who are still my friends now.

I have the best job as I lead our young carers team, we meet once or twice a month for an informal chat over breakfast or lunch. If you are a young carer make sure you come and find me in September.

I also look after our lovely Head Teacher, Mrs Darwood. She is an amazing Head Teacher who puts all of our pupils above everything else. She will stop at nothing to make sure everyone has the best education possible.

I am looking forward to meeting you all very soon!

- School is the foundation for learning, you are what makes our school a success!



## Mrs D Nambiar

Hello Year 7s, I am Mrs Nambiar. I work with the Senior Leadership Team and am a part of the Admissions and Transitions Team. I am very passionate about education and believe every child can realise their full potential given the right environment and support. I am certain Selly Park will bring out the best in you! I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you with the transition.

# Rights Respecting and Character Education

Hello, I am Ms Mackuin. Not only am I head of Art at Selly Park but I also lead our Rights Respecting and Character curriculums.

Last year we were awarded the Gold Rights Award (not many schools have this) and that's because we put the rights of the child at the heart of all we do.

Our Selly Park community work together to develop as kind, aspirational, compassionate and resilient individuals, ready for a future life in Britain and as women of the world. We are all respectful of ourselves and each other. There are lots of opportunities at Selly Park Girls' School to develop your skills and character, through lessons, activities and events.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

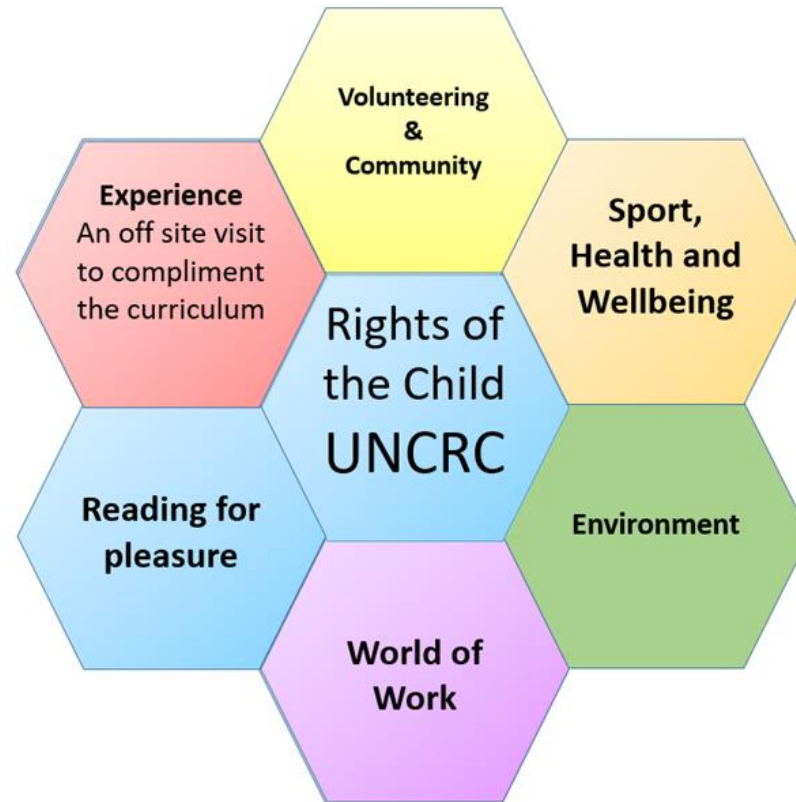


# The House System

- We have 6 houses at Selly Park. All named after an inspirational woman. What do you know about these inspirational women?



# The Selly 7



The Selly Park Seven



# Further Information



For further information please go to:



<https://sellyparkgirls.org/transition-in-to-year-7>



Here you will find all the information you need.



Or contact: [transition@sellyparkgirls.org](mailto:transition@sellyparkgirls.org)