



# Year 7

## Transition Booklet

2023



The Halifax Academy

On your journey to starting Year 7 in our school mark out some key life events that you would like to share with us. What things have stood out to you?

### Year 1 in Primary school



Starting Year 7



**Connect**

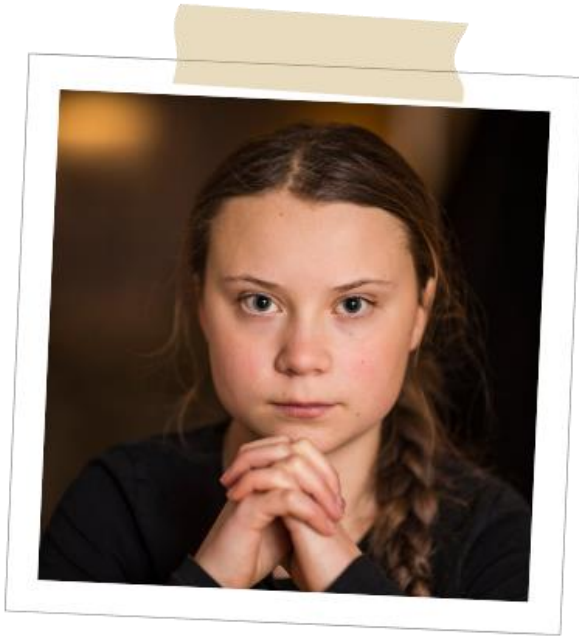


***Here are three inspirational young people who represent our school values.***

***Who inspires you?***



# Greta Thunberg



This is 16-year old Greta Thunberg, a young girl from Sweden who you may have seen in the news. She decided she was unhappy with the way politicians were dealing with climate change, so she went on strike from school and sat outside Swedish Parliament. Thousands of children have been inspired by her to go on strike from school and demand action on climate change.

In March 2019, climate campaigners across the world, inspired by Greta, came together to co-ordinate the first Global Strike for Climate. It was huge - over 1.6 million people from 125 countries took part!

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/greta-thunberg-facts/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47467038>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Greta-Thunberg/632033>

# Malala Yousafzai



Malala Yousafzai, the activist and campaigner, grew up in Swat Valley, Pakistan. As a young girl of 11, the Pakistani student wrote an anonymous diary about what life was like under the rule of an extreme group called the Taliban in north-west Pakistan.

In the diary, she talked about how she wanted to stay in education and about how girls should be able to go to school. The Taliban wanted to ban girls' education. Lots of people read the diary all over the world and she became well-known for fighting for her right to an education.

But the Taliban didn't like this. And because of what she said in her diary - in October 2012, she was shot by their soldiers.

The world was appalled by what happened to Malala and she quickly won the support of millions more people. In 2013, on her 16th birthday, she gave a speech at a meeting of the United Nations (UN) - where leaders from most countries around the world meet. In 2014, she became the youngest ever winner the Nobel Peace Prize.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46865195>

[https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women\\_leaders/malalayousafzai.php](https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/malalayousafzai.php)

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/channel/malala/>

[https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Malala\\_Yousafzai](https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Malala_Yousafzai)

# Marcus Rashford



Marcus Rashford, born 31st October 1997, is a footballer who plays as a forward for Manchester United and England.

Marcus started playing football when he five years old. He has said that his family did not have much money when he was a child and was often hungry. Marcus often used to eat at school and he would eat at clubs when his school was shut.

Marcus does not want other people to be hungry and has collected a lot of money for charities who give food to children who need it. Marcus wrote a letter about how he felt on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. The letter helped lots of children to get vouchers to spend on food. Lots of children will not be hungry because of what Marcus did.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53047235>

<https://www.thefamouspeople.com/profiles/marcus-rashford-38571.php>

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/sport/football/football-news/man-utd-marcus-rashford-charity-18401303>

<https://news.sky.com/story/marcus-rashford-man-utd-star-calls-for-government-u-turn-on-food-voucher-scheme-12007034>



# Activity 1

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## Research





# Research questions

- Why is your chosen person special?
- What is the best thing about your chosen person?
- Can you tell us about your chosen person's job?
- Can you tell us a story that shows why your chosen person is special?
- Can you give more detail about a point in your speech?

**This will be very personal to you. A person that inspires you may have the following qualities:**

1. People who support and guide others.
2. People who remain positive in difficult times and show strength and resilience.
3. People who listen and value others.
4. Passionate people who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their work/skills - becoming the best they can be.
5. People who make a positive, significant impact on the lives of others.







# WRITE: Who inspires you?

- This can be a celebrity, family member, friend or someone you know.
- Include information about why they inspire you.
- What qualities do they have? (Some examples are: supportive, helpful, passionate, positive, respect for others, good listener/communicator, dedication and commitment to helping others).
- What was their journey to where they are today? (What did they study? How long have they worked in that particular field or played that sport? How have they helped others and for how long?)
- What qualities about this person have influenced you to think about the kind of job/person you would like to be in the future?



# Role model

Who inspires you?



**INTRODUCTION:** Imaginative, inventive, inspired: JK Rowling is the most influential writer of our time. The creation of an intricate wizarding world and the courageous hero Harry Potter, has enthralled millions of young children, teenagers and adults. Not only has she smashed literary records all over the globe and received numerous accolades - JK Rowling is an inspiring individual because she has overcome hardship and adversity. Her achievements are a beacon for many people to persevere with their dreams. In recent times JK Rowling has shown us that it is important to speak publicly, join a debate and express a view without fearing the unreasonable rage unleashed on social media. She is paving the way for all sides to mutually respect each other and allow healthy discussions to take place. It is clear for all to see, that JK Rowling embodies our school values of Heart, Mind, Connect. She is creative, intelligent and will use her voice to improve our lives.

**ANECDOTE:** JK Rowling's achievements are all the more amazing because of her humble beginnings. She struggled through many adversities, from the breakdown of her marriage to being a single mother and struggling to survive on a low income. Writing was a superfluous activity which didn't pay the bills and stole precious time away from her daughter - whilst letters of rejection from numerous publishers would certainly have chipped away at most people's resilience. Before stardom and success transformed her life, Rowling clearly demonstrated a gritty determination, which allowed her to believe that she would, one day, become a published author. Her story teaches us all that commitment and perseverance are character traits which will also help us to succeed.

## RESEARCH Use this page to gather information about your hero.

Bibliography – What have you learnt about your hero's life?

Birthplace/ family/ achievements/ job:

Note three facts about your hero's childhood:

List two challenges has your hero experienced and overcome:

How your hero has made the world a better place?

What opinions do other people have of your hero?

List four qualities which sum up your hero:



REFLECT

SUMMARISE your research in five sentences:

Do you have further QUESTIONS to research?

REFLECT. Why do you admire this person?

RECITE the key points. Why should this person be included in our school value system?

Highlight the key words you must include.

**PLAN** Use your research to plan your three minute speech here. Include key vocabulary within every section.

Introduction: Hook your audience through a triple or provocative statement?

First reason (most important):

Deliver your second reason through an anecdote/personal story.

State your third reason through a counter point.

What would the opposition say?

How would you prove them wrong? List two arguments:

Emotive conclusion: Use emotive vocabulary to summarise key qualities demonstrated by your hero. Link back to the question: how would your hero benefit all pupils at The Halifax Academy?

# Use your voice



Why not try out some of the sentence stems below in your speech?

- I would like to start by saying...
- It seems to me that...
- In my opinion...
- From my point of view...
- The way I see it...
- The main points I would like you to consider are...
- Have you considered...?
- Wouldn't you agree that...?
- I think you would agree that...
- To develop my point further...
- To build on this point...
- Furthermore, I would like to add...
- Not only...but also...
- Whilst some might say..., I believe that...
- Would you support my point that...?
- In summary...
- I will leave you with...
- Overall, my main point is that...



