

Peer mentors in secondary schools aid in the transition of younger students from primary school to secondary school. They may assist mentees with their school work and study skills, peer pressure, issues with attendance and behaviour.

Our Peer Mentoring Scheme was set up in May 2013. Year 9 pupils were all invited to apply for the role of Peer Mentor through an interview process. 15 were selected and then took part in various coaching sessions for the remainder of the summer term in order to develop their skills and prepare them for their mentoring roles.

During the summer term all mentors then visit the feeder Primary Schools to talk to the Year 6 Pupils about the scheme and assure them that support is always there if they need it as they make the transition from Primary to Secondary School. All trained Peer Mentors are easily identifiable to the rest of the school by their purple hoodies and black polo shirts.

At the beginning of the school year all of the Peer Mentors attend assemblies to introduce themselves to the new Year 7 year group. All Peer Mentoring takes place in the comfortable 'Peer Mentoring room' which is open to all Year 7 pupils before school, break and lunchtimes. Peer Mentors have duty days where they make themselves available to oversee the times when Year 7 students attend the peer mentoring room.

For any Year 7 pupils with specific needs we also offer 1 to 1 support. A student can refer themselves or via a member of staff if they are looking for a mentor to support them at any time throughout the year.

There are signs throughout the school showing students how to find the Peer Mentoring room.

As a Mentoring team we support the school's anti-bullying policy and work very closely with the pastoral teams within the school.

The scheme is now fully embedded within Bridlington School and each year a new cohort of Year 9 pupils are trained as mentors in order to support the new intake of Year 7 pupils.