

Dear Year 6,

I am writing this letter to tell you some things about being a year 7 student in Abbey College and to hopefully relieve you of any worries you may be facing by going up to secondary school. First of all, even though the school grounds may seem really large you do not need to worry. At first, we get some support with where to go and after a few weeks it just seems to stick. If you ever do get lost ask someone around you where the class is, the staff are really friendly and always around to help. If you are worried that the teachers are going to be really strict, you don't have to, they are really fair to everyone and just support you so much. The teachers at Abbey College are really nice and if you are ever stuck on a question or on what you need to do you can just put your hand up and the teacher will be with you as soon as they can.

In the mornings we have a thing called form time. At form we have selected days based on things such as current affairs where we look at things happening in the news at the moment. There are different form groups. They get part of their name from the house they are in such as d for DaVinci, w for wolf, c for Churchill and H for hawking. You will also have the name of your year group in it such as 7d2. If you do something good and your teacher thinks that you deserve it for something you have done you get spirit points.

When you accumulate a certain amount of spirit points and complete 5 bronze tasks you can get a bronze award. With this award you get to go and watch a movie at a certain allocated time that the teachers decide but you will be told when that is. As a form your spirit points all get put together and you try and have the most spirit points than the rest of the other forms. There is also a behaviour system. It is called ask, tell, remove. If you do something bad you will be asked to stop it then if you continue you will get told to stop (if you get three of these in the course of a week you get an hour after school detention) and if you continue doing them you will get removed. But I'm sure we don't have to worry about this as I am certain you are a lovely bunch of pupils.

With your food you could either bring your own from home or get some from the canteen. Once you have gotten your meal, you can either sit in the main hall or the hardcourts to eat. If you have a warm meal it is preferred for you to eat in the hall but it's up to you.

Abbey College is a lovely school and I'm sure you will love it as much as I do

Kind regards,

Year 7 student