

DEAR YEAR 6



Messages from Year 7

YOU'RE STARTING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER
AND YOU MAY BE SCARED, BUT IT IS REALLY
NOT AS SCARY AS YOU THINK!



I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST STARTED SECONDARY SCHOOL. I THOUGHT
THAT I WOULD GET LOST ALL THE TIME AND I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO
WORK OUT MY WAY AROUND SCHOOL, BUT I WAS WRONG. WITHIN A WEEK
OF BEING AT THE SCHOOL I KNEW MY WAY AROUND VAGUELY AND
WITHIN TWO WEEKS I KNEW MY WAY AROUND THE FULL SCHOOL WITHOUT
ANY PROBLEMS.



ANOTHER WORRY YOU MIGHT HAVE IS THAT ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL
LEAVE YOU FOR NEW FRIENDS AND YOU WILL BE LEFT ALONE. THIS
DOESN'T ACTUALLY HAPPEN. YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT ALL MAKE
NEW FRIENDS BUT IF YOUR FRIENDS ARE GOOD FRIENDS THEN THEY
WON'T LEAVE YOU BY YOURSELF.



YOU MAY BE WORRIED ABOUT HOMEWORK BECAUSE EVERYONE SAYS THAT
AT SECONDARY SCHOOL YOU GET LOADS OF HOMEWORK BUT YOU DON'T
ACTUALLY. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR YOU GET HARDLY ANY AND
THEN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR YOU STILL DON'T GET AS MUCH AS
EVERYONE SAYS.



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Beggining Blatch in Year 7

advice and guidance

Worries

boxes

1

you could be feeling that you are going to be knocked over because you are small.



UNCONFIDENT

CONFIDENT

you may be feeling like this

2

you could be worried about the amount of work/home-work that is handed out to you.



CONFIDENT

but you'll soon feel like this

3

you could be worried about making friends guess what, you have over 350 choices. You are going to find some.

Resolutions

boxes

1

don't worry, there are loads of maps if you get lost, and you don't get knocked over often.

2

don't worry, if you have issues, you can easily talk to your teachers.

Over 350 choices!

The move to secondary school can feel quite daunting but it isn't even that hard, adults always say how DIFFERENT it is but it's just a school but a bit bigger than primary school.

The hardest part for me was finding my way around a new school so my advice is to learn where all of your lessons are so you don't have to try and find them 5 minutes before class starts! Another tip would be to get a lot of sleep, you wouldn't want to oversleep on your first day of school.

Making friends is much easier than I thought because everyone wants to make new friends so they are all really nice. I think that joining many clubs has gotten me many friends because you can talk to more people that are not necessarily in your form.

Pack a spare pen and pencil because they run out easily

When it's time for P.E you will go to either the east or west wing depending on what you'll be doing and get changed in the changing rooms. Don't worry, nobody will judge you.

If you're feeling a bit wobbly at the start, just remember it won't always be like this.

Make sure to get in the canteen queue quickly because the snacks go fast. But, if you want to buy lunch there'll always be enough.

"I came on my own and I don't have any friends going."

"Don't worry, I did too. You'll make friends really quickly, they could be in your form or in a different one."

You might worry that the work will be too hard but you'll find it is not and the amazing teachers are really helpful too!

So many new experiences waiting for you.

Exciting things await for you

Confidence is key to your next school career

Our school community will guide you along the way.

Never give up, always keep going.

Dive into all the experiences on offer.

Achieve much, work well

Read all the books in the RIC if you love books.

Yes, you can do this.



When I started Blatch I learned quite a few things. You pay by creating a finger-print and adding money to it, you can do this online and at school. Also they have a massive library with all kinds of books. You can also buy stationary at the library.

In year seven you have all of your classes with your form group. After some time you will be placed in sets for maths and your classes will be mixed up but only in maths, design, languages and food tech.

If you ever feel lost you can always go to either of the receptions or student services! And if you have lost your time table you can go to any of those places and either get a new time table or they can tell you where your next class is and what it is!

In secondary there are week 1 and week 2, those weeks will never change so you will have the same timetable for most of the year. Week one is different to week 2 so it isn't the same thing all the time.

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1. The cafeteria food is amazing and I even miss it now in quarantine
2. Always try to get to ^{front of the} the line for the cafeteria as fast as you can
3. Don't always stay with your old friends because there's a big opportunity to make new ones.
4. Sign up for lots of clubs as there so much fun.
5. Try new sports, and don't always stick to the one's your good at
6. Try out homework club because it's so much easier to get your work done there

BLATCH IS

The BEST!

Top tips

- Don't be afraid of getting new teachers, they are all nice and won't hesitate to help you get settled in.
- Ask loads of questions whether it is in lesson or just asking where things are in the school.
- Don't worry if you are late for a lesson on your first couple days because you couldn't find where it was again just ask someone
- Don't make a bad impression of yourself when you get started
- Try and stay with your form when moving from place to place.
- It's good to be different!
- Set reminders on your phone or other devices to tell you when you have homework due or something to bring
- Set a mental note of where certain classrooms are so you can plan ahead and know where the busiest corridors are and avoid them.
- You will always be tempted to run for the canteen at lunch but remember that there is enough food for everyone.
- If one of your mates is doing something silly don't be pressured to copy them because you both might get in trouble.
- You shouldn't be knocked down if you get told off; just don't do whatever you did again.
- You don't have to be cool to have friends just be nice
- Don't be afraid to make new friends even if loads of your old school are in your school or not.
- Always wake up in the morning after a good night sleep
- Don't go to bed too late
- The amount of homework might seem overwhelming but soon you will get used to it

DON'T BE AFRAID

put your timetable on your
bedroom wall

TO ASK QUESTIONS.

TOP

use the school map

Label everything

TIPS do your homework when you get it.

Be organized.

FOR go to homework club if needed

pack your

YEAR 7 get enough sleep and exercise

Stuff early.

Plan and practice

USE SIMS STUDENT

Your route to school.

Staff are not scary.

Make sure to have the right equipment for every lesson.

Here at Blatch we have so many sports to choose from and great sports facilities too. Everyone is nice, the teachers and students. Even if you don't know many people I guarantee you will make friends quickly, because there will be more people that don't know anyone so you won't be alone

There are many lunchtime and after school activities ranging from Netball Club to geography club. There are also many music clubs that you can attend.

DEAR YEAR 7'S

THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

THE TEACHERS ARE VERY HELPFUL AND UNDERSTANDING IF YOU GET SOMETHING WRONG OR FORGET SOMETHING.

EVERYTHING IS EXPLAINED BY THE TEACHERS: WHERE TO GO AFTER LESSONS, WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNINGS, WHERE TO GO FOR LUNCH ETC...

JUST ONE THING..... LUNCH QUEUES. BE WARNED BECAUSE THE ONE THING YOU WANT TO BE CAREFUL OF IS THE RAMPAGING LUNCH QUEUES FULL OF HUNGRY BEASTS.

JUST KIDDING, AT BLATCH THE TEACHERS ALWAYS HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.

ENJOY YEAR 7 !!!!! :)

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Unless you have a uniform pass wearing trainers is not allowed unless you are doing PE. You can also have a look at other uniform requirements on the school website.

You can access your locker during break, lunch, or in between lessons, however you must be quick so you don't get to your lesson late!

There are many musical instruments that you can learn at blatch including music lessons, music clubs and other teachers that come in from Brighton and Hove Music and Arts.

Most of the time there is a zero tolerance policy for phones in lessons however occasionally a teacher might allow you to use your phone for schooling purposes only.