

To Year 6

This was me last year – feeling excited to be leaving year 6 and my advice to you is STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE. Only joking. Don't listen to Boris anymore, September will soon be here and then you can begin your new chapter. I couldn't wait to leave primary school. I was told so many stories by others already at high school, most of them scary. But I still wasn't worried. I was so bored by the end of primary school. On my last day everyone was crying but I was ready to leave and start my new adventure. Don't feel worried. Just look forward to the excitement of making new friends. Everyone feels the same as you. Springwood really is a fantastic school. There are so many things to do at Springwood. First of all the teachers don't treat you like small kids. No more ONE TEACHER teaching you everything, You get one teacher for each subject and going to different lessons with so many other kids is way better. When you leave primary school you realise how rubbish it is. No taking turns on the school field to play football as you get your own year 7 field to play football at Springwood. There are film clubs and games rooms at Springwood to go to over lunchtimes and PE is awesome – my favourite subject. I joined the choir and started learning to play the drums too. Don't spend the summer worrying about taster days because on day 1 you will have a buddy to show you around the school. You will get lost as its massive, but after a few weeks it will be fine. My advice is to do the right thing and stay out of trouble. Don't get dragged into messing about in class as the teachers will soon give you behaviour points and it isn't fun. My mum tells me teachers have a hard job to do so make their lives easier and they will make your life easier.

Have fun and enjoy.

Charlie - 701 You are going to love everything about

Dear Year 6,

Before I came to Springwood High school, I had a mixture of emotions. I was worried, scared and nervous but also excited about what an experience I might have. I was scared because the school is so much bigger than what I was used to. I was worried in case I got lost. I did get lost once or twice but everyone is friendly and helpful, and helped me find my way. I don't get lost anymore!

I have really enjoyed making new friends at Springwood and all the new things I have learnt. My favourite subject is German, it is something I had never learnt before but really enjoy!

My advice to all new students is try not to be late to school or class because the school is strict but fair! Most importantly be yourself! ❤️

By Maddi 752.

1: I felt really nervous going into year 7 thinking I would get lost, even though I did one time but it was alright now I don't get lost and it's been a great year so far!!!

2: I've really enjoyed food tech as we got to make food and eat it at home, I also liked some of my pe lessons as I've never done them so it was interesting or I've done them in primary and it was really really fun!!

3: I hope all the new year 7s have the next great five years at Springwood HighSchool, you get to learn fun things and learn subjects that you don't usually learn in primary! I hope you have a fantastic time here!

Yours sincerely,

Reicela

Dear future yr 7 class

22/06/20

I'm writing to you to let you know 'Don't be worried'.

I have to admit I was very worried about getting lost, not bringing everything I needed ect. So let me tell you about my experience

On your 1st 2 weeks you will get 2 yr 10's to lead you and your form, from class to class to make sure you don't get lost. When you have your lunch & break you will meet your leaders at your meeting point. *make sure you're early to not be late to class

With food remember they always make many options so if you're vegetarian or vegan there's nothing to worry about.

You will enjoy everyday here I can guarantee it. Just be nice. Remember to not stress out with homework, and if you do ask for help from your parents or stay for homework club.

Clubs and activities

There's all sorts of after school/lunch clubs and extracurriculars it's always good to join a few extra clubs. There's all sorts from ~~homework~~ homework to rugby, there's also film club. Fun for everyone

Enjoy Year 7s

Maria TFI

When I came to Springwood I was really scared as everyone would be alot bigger and older than me and I would go from the top of my primary school to the bottom of high school. I was also quite worried about making friends as some of them were coming to Springwood but we would all be split up so I would need more. I was also really worried about getting lost, this was my biggest worry, since the school was so big, I knew that I would definitely get lost. I didn't really know what to expect with coming to high school, but I can tell you, it was great!

When it was my first day at Springwood, I couldn't help but be really excited and really nervous at the same time. I was wearing my brand new and smart school uniform and I had a big smile that kept on appearing to! The first thing that I had to do was go to a really big hall called the Peter Hopkins Hall. We had a really nice welcoming assembly and I was super excited now.

Over time at Springwood I felt more secure as I had made lots of friends really quickly and got to know my way around to. I also started doing clubs like football and music band which were both really good. They also have lots of other clubs to.

I hope that you settle in and make friends just as quickly as I did!
Good Luck!

Hi Pupil

Before I started Springwood High School, I felt nervous but excited too. I talked about it with my friends and we thought about what bag to have ,and what to take on our first day. So, don't forget your pencil case with all your equipment and

definitely make sure you are wearing your tie and blazer.



I settled in really well into High School, and have enjoyed many aspects of it, it was great to explore the new environment.

You'll find your lessons will be different to Primary too. Art lessons and the department is full of amazing pieces of work from other students. Food technology lessons are fun too and Mrs Markwell has a great youtube channel that helps you improve your cooking skills.

Don't let the nerves get the better of you, it's ok to be anxious because that shows you care. Don't be afraid to tell someone if you are worried. There are loads of teachers that you will meet and they are really kind and welcoming.

Overall, make sure you have fun and make new friends and enjoy the next part of

your journey.



From Eva
7H2

Dear year 6s

On the first day of school, I was both excited and nervous. I was excited because I was going to be at a new school, so I was going to have new experiences, and make new friends. But I was nervous, lots of thoughts rushed through my head, what if I get lost? What if I miss my bus? But for most of you getting a bus might not be the case. Then I remembered that transition leaders make sure you don't get lost, they help you out for the first two weeks. And with the bus situation, get there ten minutes before you are told to get there. But I was lucky, my brother was my transition leader, but for most of you that is not the case. But I promise you, your transition leader will be nice. An easier way to help yourself is to do your homework as soon as possible.

I especially loved all the activities; STEM club, film club, games club. Plus all the sporting activities after school. There are loads of different things you can spend your time on.

If you work hard and get achievement points, you can also go on special trips.

From India-Rose

Dear year 6,

Welcome to Springwood high school!

As moving from year 6 to year 7 is a big change, I know it is a big jump and is a little worrying as you will be the youngest out of all the children, but trust me, I felt the same way.

When I moved to springwood, I was quite nervous because I knew only few people, my brother (who was in year 8) and my friends from Gaywood primary school. Some of you might not have any brothers or sisters, but I am sure on your first day, people will run at you asking if they could be your friend. This also happened to me, when I joined, I had the most helpful, encouraging and beautiful friends I can ever imagine. So you will feel settled and assured unlike in the beginning if you felt anxious.

You will find out lots of activities to join such as gymnastics, rugby, running around the field, hockey, basketball, football, netball, fitness, arts and crafts and many more. The activities I have enjoyed the most so far are gymnastics because you get to jump on the trampoline and rugby because when it rains, we go outside and get muddy, but sometimes the weather is sunny and we also have the same amount of fun.

Advice you need to know:

- There are plenty of activities for you to join to get rewards and look back to them in the future. So try them out and you are going to enjoy them.
- There are also after school homework club if you miss out any homework or can't do one because you get distracted at home or any other reason, you can do it after school and if you need help, you can ask one of the teachers there. There are lessons at lunch time and after school if you want to understand a piece of work or learn more in a specific subject.
- If you are having problems at school with some of your friends or feeling uncomfortable, which I guaranty you won't, don't turn your back on the teacher and be scared to tell her/him what happened.
- If you have problems at home and you don't want to tell a parent, tell a teacher you trust and you will feel much better afterwards as they will help you out.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you

Salma

My Letter to the Year 6's.

Hello Year 6's,

As you will be going up into Year 7 soon, I will be giving you some tips how to not worry about going into High School.

1. As Springwood is a very big school, you might be scared where to go and not to go. As I was the only child from my primary school, I was very scared and worried. But on the first day we were all given a map of the school. When you are there for a few days and get to walk around the school, you will find your way round easy.
2. Starting at Springwood I knew a few people from other primary schools, and I was hoping that they would be in the same form as me. It then turned out that they weren't but it was fun getting to know lots of other people.
3. My favourite subjects/activities are PE as it is always fun. Art as you get to learn lots of fun ways to draw. Also Drama as I enjoy learning lots of different things. There are also lots of different lunch time and afterschool clubs you can join. I also wanted to play a musical instrument so I am, I play a Clarinet, there are lots of other instruments as well, you could play Saxophone (Sax), Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet and lots more. If you like singing you could join the year 7 choir, (Girls and boys can do it).
4. All of the teachers are really nice and friendly.

MY ADVICE

- Try not to worry about anything as it will be SUPER fun.
- Don't do anything naughty as you will get into trouble!!
- Also respect everything and everyone.

Now I think you are ready for high school, I hope you feel a little bit better about going to Springwood and I hope you have a lovely time when you're in year 7.

Jessica

Dear the New Year Sevens,

I am writing to you to reassure you that coming to Springwood will not be as scary as you may think. I will be talking about things that worried me and how I got through them.

Something that worried me was losing friends that I had from primary school. This may seem quite daunting to you, but, rest assured, I still have many of my primary school friends, as well as some that I met at Springwood.

Something else that seemed quite scary to me was losing my way. However, I soon learnt that the transition leaders were there to help, and I found my way around in less than a week. A tip for the timetable, look at it, if it says B and a number, go to Blicking and then look for the room number. Every door, including the entrances to the houses, is labelled, so you needn't worry. Same with all the houses. If that doesn't help, ask an older student, we'll be sure to help 😊.

Leading on from that, I was a little nervous about being around older children. I thought they would be scary and bully me, but really, they aren't all that bad. Some of them are actually pretty chill and will help you if you so need it.

That was really all that worried me, so now we're gonna talk about what I enjoyed.

The canteen is absolutely amazing, the food is delicious. The key is to get there at around 7, when things start dying down. The canteen is at its best at breakfast time. My personal recommendations are the pancakes and the waffles.

Something else that I found really, **really**, enjoyable were the after school clubs. They are all free and an excellent way to spend an hour, once a week after school doing something you enjoy. There's something for everyone, from Art clubs to Revision clubs, to Sports clubs to Homework club (that one has biscuits). There is a club for everyone.

One final tip that I shall give you, wear a watch. Not every room has a clock, courtesy of the Year 11 tradition, and if you like going down to the bottom of the field at break times, you will not the bell. If you are still concerned or worried, just simply ask anyone.

In conclusion, just enjoy yourself.

Kind Regards,

Hope

16/12/20

My letter to Year 6

When I came to Year 7, it was a big jump for going from the oldest back to the youngest. I was a bit scared as it's a bigger school because you're used to just your regular school but, the bit that I was the most worried about getting lost around the school but after a couple of months you get used to it.

The subjects I've most enjoyed are:

• Maths

- Spanish is very helpful if you go to Spain etc
- P.E is probably my favourite as I'm a sporty person.
- English can be fun • Food Tech is amazing.
- Art is good too.

My advice for the new Yr 7's, have fun, be **AMBITIOUS**. Don't get worried if you're lost because if you're lost just find a teacher as they're very polite. Also be the best you can be. Remember **BE AMBITIOUS**.

Hello new Year 7's.

Welcome to Springwood High School and Year 7. This was me a year ago (I can't quite believe it). You are all going to have many feelings at the moment; scared, worried and even a bit excited. I was all of these but if you don't mind I would like to give you some advice that may help you.

I know it's been a strange time just recently but if we can get through this you can get through the first few weeks in Year 7. This is a new chapter in your school life and you are not the only person going through this on the first day, all your other class/year mates will be feeling just like you.

Building up to school it was fun getting all my uniform and stationary? (If you need some advice on what you need you can ask me or the school). When I picked up my uniform and then put on at home I felt proud and smart. Over the 6 weeks holidays I tried not to worry myself about it, just enjoy the time off.

Once you know what bus you are on or how you getting to school why not hook up with another pupil and walk to bus or to school. I was the first one on my bus as no other pupil live near me. But I did it and the bus drivers are great. As soon as we got to picking my friends up I felt better and soon my nerves started to disappear. As we got to school there are people to meet you and to show you where to go, you are not left to wander about. I got into my tutor group and my Tutor was amazing, so kind and reassuring. As the day went on and I got my map of the school my class's timetables and all I needed to make my time here easier I started to relax and take it all in.

If you're worried about lunches and how to pay you will be shown all of this on your first day. I have found this so easy with my thumb print and my Parents put money on for me at home.

I was worried I was going to get lost, never have done yet and if I did all the teachers are so approachable. I was worried I wouldn't know where to have lunch but we were shown for the first week or so. I was worried I would get bullied and pushed around. No that has ever happened and I know if it ever did Mr Johnson would deal with it. Nothing like that is accepted here.

I have enjoyed my first year as a Year 7. Yes it is harder than Primary School and the homework is something we not used to, but once you start to settle into it its fine. Once you get all the school apps for homework etc it's great. I have found subjects that I never thought I'd enjoy such as Science with DR Beltrum is brilliant; Drama with Mr Bliss I love and Technology is great with Mr Austin. I also joined the choir which I love and I go to many concerts which are awesome.

I have made many new friends many I hooked up with on my first day.

If I can help you along the way you can ask me. I will know some of you from Gayton Primary so if you feel you need help or have a worry come find me, or even send me a message.

Just enjoy it and any worries just ask your Year Heads or Teachers.

Grace

Dear new year sevens,

I know you may be worried about starting high school but there is nothing to worry about it is fine once you get use to the crowds. I worried about this but I had my friend's to talk to about it and once I was there for a day I was fine.

The things that I have enjoyed are the clubs I do rugby and football so I have to make sure I have the right kit every week. The good thing is that you can make a lot of new friends I have friends that I probably wouldn't have if I didn't do the clubs that I do. It is also a great way to stay active whilst having fun and playing against other schools. There are many other clubs to that are not as active.

It is normal to have many worries as you are starting a new school and you are becoming the youngest again were in primary you were the oldest. It is normal to feel like this but just remember we have all been through it.

If you are in a class with not many of your friends and on a table with none of them, use that opportunity to make new friends as you are going to be with them for a while. Also try and make friends outside of your form, make friends with people in other houses it is good not to just have friends in your form.

It will be tricky to start with as it is a big school but you will have transition leaders to help you with anything till you get the hang of things. You can ask them anything and they will answer to the best of their abilities. You can also talk to teachers form tutors and older students that you know from primary. As you have not had taster days, we will be happy to point you in the right direction to were you need to go. Don't be scared to ask.

Remember we have all felt like this.

Yours faithfully,

Maddy

How is springwood

Hello I'm Ruby I'm a year 7 in springwood high school and today I will be telling you all about when I first started high school.

Worries

When you first start springwood it may be a bit scary because you would think new school, bigger children, new friends and getting lost. No need to do that because the first couple of weeks you will get a year ten (that are in the same house as you) showing you around and taking you to your lessons. I felt the same way as this.

Activities

At break there fun things you can do like, going to f10, going on the computers in the library or just having fun on the field. There many thing to do. Clubs are really good they have so many you can sign up to and they are free.

Just be yourself and don't get worried springwood is the perfect high school. Springwood is a perfect place for opportunities

Best wishes

Ruby