

Dear Year 6,

I am writing to welcome you to Verulam and to let you know a little bit about what it's like to come to school here. If you are like me, you are probably feeling both excited and a little bit worried. Well, I am writing to tell you there is no need at all to worry, and there is lots to be excited about.

On my induction day I was really nervous, but by the end of the day I was desperate to go back. And I still enjoy every day at Verulam. There isn't any bullying and everyone makes friends here.

On your first proper day you'll spend your morning with your form tutor. You might play a couple of games, but it's mainly to give you your planner (which is a timetable), locker key and lunch card. In the afternoon you'll have two lessons; for me those were maths and PSHE.

Lessons are much more interesting than at primary school. My favourite lessons are history, music, P.E., drama and games. Even R.E. is fun at secondary school. Games is great in warm weather, but if it's cold or rainy definitely bring under-layers or over-layers. Most people say you get set loads of homework, but it's not really that much as long as you stay on top of it. Make sure you do ECCO clubs; they're great and make lunchtimes more fun. My favourite club is drama, which is after school on Wednesdays, but there is a huge range and something to interest everyone.

When I started, I was really curious about house-points. You earn them for doing something well, or being really involved in a lesson. If you get a house point you don't need to do anything; the teacher will log it on the system.

When the bell rings it means the end of a lesson. You get dismissed and walk to your next lesson. The layout of the school is a bit confusing at first, but you'll learn your way around after about a week, and in the meantime a year 11 student will guide you.

I hope this has been helpful and I hope your first year at Verulam is as good as mine has been.

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