

Dear Year 6,

If you're reading this you have decided to come to Verulam; I'm sure you will enjoy it here. The teachers and classes are great and you will learn so much your head might explode. Hopefully I can comfort you about any worries you may have about joining Verulam.

You should know that Verulam is probably a bit different from primary school. First of all you have a lot more subjects to learn and you have to move classrooms for all your different classes. It took me a little while to learn where all the different rooms were, but they are generally clearly marked. There is a 5 minute break between the end of class and the start of the next to give you time to move, though sometimes you might have to walk really fast or run if your classrooms are far apart or if your teacher doesn't let you out straight away. Some new subjects that you might not have done before are design tech and drama. There is also more homework than primary school, though I have found the homework to be easy if you pay attention in class, which I am sure you do. Lastly, you have your very own playground, just for Year 7. This is to make sure you don't accidentally get pushed by older students, who usually are much taller and bigger than you.

The behaviour rewards at Verulam are simple once you understand them. There are Hs for rewarding good behaviour and Es which are given for poor behaviour, although Es are not common to receive. The good rewards are converted to house points and if you have the most points in your form or year level you might get a special award. If you get too many Es then you might get a detention, where you have to stay late after school or miss out on lunch. Thankfully I haven't had one yet.

Games at Verulam are excellent. Games happen once a week for the last two periods of the day. You walk from Verulam to the games field on Sandpit Lane, which is about a 15 minute walk. The type of games you play depends on the time of year. We played rugby and football and now are doing athletics. Last week I threw a javelin. I think games are a relaxing and fun way to end the day.

Finally, at Verulam there are such things as ECCO clubs, which are clubs that you can attend during lunch time or after school to help you develop skills or have fun. For example, there is a football club or a Lego club. I attend Basketball club.

I hope this has helped answer any questions you might have had. There are lots of friendly faces here and if you need anything all you have to do is ask your form teacher or normal teacher. I can't wait to see you at Verulam in September!