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Don't worry. Be happy.

As I neared the end of Year 6 I started to worry about secondary school. When I arrived on my first day, like any Year 7, I felt very scared.

Luckily, as the day went on I wondered what on earth I had been so worried about. You probably don't believe me—but it's true! I promise.

Now looking back at that first day I really don't know what I was so concerned about. So when it's your turn, try not to worry. It's fine and there *really* is nothing to fret about.



Everyone at Finham is amazing and there is no other school I would wish to go to.

By Arianne Francis

FINHAM'S FABULOUS CLUBS

Every single night at Finham there will be some sort of club on offer. You may go to as many as you like; I go to three.

Here are just a few of the clubs running at the moment:

On Mondays there is Cheerleading. Cheerleading is for both girls and boys. Also on Monday nights there is Basketball for the boys.

On Tuesdays there is trampolining. Finham's trampolining team has won many competitions in the last couple of years. There is also boys Rugby and girls Badminton.

On Wednesdays there's the Writers' Workshop run by 6th form student leaders. Here you can try out lots of different types of writing, like poems, plays and stories.

I hope you join lots of clubs when you arrive. If so, I'll see you there!

By Arianne Francis

TRANSITION DAY

Thinking about transition day might seem a bit creepy but to be honest it's actually extremely fun!

School starts at 8:50 and then you have to go to the sports hall so you can have an assembly about what you will be doing. Next you go to the theatre so you can find out what mentor group you are in.

As you wait for your name to be called, you're thinking: *where am I? what is going to happen? whose group am I going to be in?* But you soon find out and very soon you make friends.

Once you get to your mentor s/he hands out your planner and your schedule. Then after about 2 hours in your mentor room you go and have your lunch.

Lunch is 35 minutes, but because you're new you will get an extra 15 minutes for the first two weeks of term.



After lunch you have your first proper lesson which is not a bit scary. Mine was music then maths, which I really enjoyed.

I hope your lessons will also be great and I hope you have a good transition day.

See you soon!

By Mollie Emerson

REWARDS AND CHOICES

When you move into Year 7 you are able to collect rewards which are stickers or choices which are punishments. Every time you are good or help out, your teacher will give out about 5 stickers at the end of the lesson. However, if you have messed about or failed to follow instructions in your lesson your teacher may give you a choice. C1 is a warning, C2 is a second warning, C3 is a detention, C4 removal from the classroom and C5 is isolation. Luckily, these are very rarely given out so there's nothing to worry about.



If you always try your hardest and do as you're told when you're told you'll get lots of rewards and be perfectly fine at your time at Finham. I've already got more than 20 stickers!

By Lucy Niland

SWEATY STUDENTS

Last week (believe it or not) we had a bit of a heat wave where all the students were complaining about how hot it was. Of course this was made much worse because of the new uniform. Blazers don't really work in the heat!

Finally a teacher told us something that none of us knew. We were allowed to take off our blazers. This was a huge relief for everyone who had spent the day melting in their thick jumpers and blazers.

A teacher and a student both gave us their views on the new uniform. Ms Ford told us, "I think the new uniform is very smart, especially on the older children." Hri, a Year 7 student, told us, "At first I thought the uniform was horrid but now that I am used to it, it is actually quite comfortable."

By Arianne Francis



MEETING YOUR MENTOR

There are four gates and everyone belongs to one. The gates are: North, West, South, East.

Once a week students from each Gate have an assembly in the sports hall. Mr Ditch rules over North gate, Ms Finn over West gate, Ms Buckley over South gate and Mr Marfleet over East gate.

Every morning you will go to your mentor groups (unless you have an assembly). You will stay with your mentor for at least 15 minutes every morning. During this time you chat, do quizzes, discuss the news and sometimes get stickers!

Here at Finham they have a vertical tutor system which means you will have Year 8s, 9s, 10s and 11s all in your group. You might think the Year 11's are going to be scary...but they're NOT!!! They are ever so friendly and will help you settle in.

By Hri Agnihotri

TREMENDOUS TEAM WORK

Near the beginning of term, a group of 6th formers, who are very helpful, organised a whole afternoon for us where we were able to take part in fun activities. They looked after us and made sure we were all participating.

On that Friday afternoon we did loads of activities such as Tug of war, Crate race, Splat and many, many more!

The 6 formers told us what to do and where we had to go (even though they were with us the whole time). We did at least seven activities and my favourite was when we went to the gym. The day was a blast! We all had a great time and it ended our Friday afternoon fabulously!

All Year 7s had an excellent day. One student told us: "It was a day I will never forget, for all the right reasons!" Let's hope the 6th formers offer to organise this great day when you arrive.

By Hri Agnihotri