

Starting Secondary School: FAQs



How much homework will there be?

Check out the school's homework policy. The teachers will guide you in the ways to record and keep track of your homework.

How do I make new friends?

The beginning of Year 7 is typically structured with 'Getting To Know You' activities. Getting involved in clubs and activities is another way to make new friends.

What if I get lost?

Schools spend time on orientation activities in the first week to ensure you will know your way around.

What happens if I miss the bus, or lose my go-card?

It is a good idea for you and your parents to get in touch with the bus company before you start school, and practice the routines needed.

With so many teachers, who will be there to support me?

Schools typically have a 'home room' teacher who looks after your welfare; sometimes this teacher will teach more of your subjects.

What if I get bullied?

Bullying is not tolerated. Ask to see the school's policy on bullying, so you are familiar with the protocols.

How long are lessons, and how many are there in a day?

You will be provided with your timetable, which will outline the subjects you have each day and the lesson and break times.

Will I change buildings? How far?

One of the exciting parts of secondary school is that you get to experience different classrooms. This is typically kept to a minimum in Year 7.

How do I organize everything I need for each lesson?

Most schools provide lockers, or something similar, to keep your belongings in one central spot.

Helpful Hints!

Charge devices nightly

Get involved

Schedule homework time

