

The Bewdley School
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Dear Year 7 pupil,

First of all, don't worry about getting lost! I thought I was definitely going to get lost and be late for class, but the school is very well organised and it's easy to find your way. Even if you do forget, just follow your classmates because at least one of them will know where to go or if they are all gone just talk to somebody. You should know where you need to be and at what time because you will be given your timetable on the first day. If you get lost and are late for class, just tell the teacher why and they will definitely understand. There is a bell between lessons and you will have five minutes to get to wherever you need to go. You don't need to run to each lesson, but make sure you walk with a steady pace and don't hang around outside until it's too late.

With homework in Year 7, you usually get one piece from each subject every other week so you won't be stressing out over how much work you get. There is also a site called Show My Homework where all your homework will be put on so you can't forget - you will get your logins when you get to school. In Bewdley, they like to keep the students calm so the students don't get work over the holidays, but if you feel like you're getting behind, feel free to do some work although it's not compulsory.

There are a few main rules at Bewdley: you have to be prepared so you should make sure you always have all your equipment (stationery) with you; you have to be polite so you should make sure you always use your manners and put in 100% effort into everything; you should try to always be punctual and be wherever you need to be on time; you also need to be kind in every way - make sure to be considerate and think of others at all times and be as caring and compassionate as possible.

At some point in Year 7, you will get a locker although it might not be until the second half term. With your bag, you need to carry it around with you all day. Even if you do have a locker and you feel like taking out just the essentials, it's better to take everything because you never know if your teacher might surprise you.

You will be separated into 6 individual forms and there will be around 26-30 of you in each. It is really easy to make friends at Bewdley and you need to

remember to talk to everybody and don't just hang out with the people you know because you'll never know if there is somebody in your class who could be your life-long friend. In most of your lessons you will be with the same people, but in some lessons you will be put in sets like maths and science where you will be put with other people in your band. Even though most of the day you will in lessons, you will still have time to see your friends at lunch, break and team projects in lessons. If you are feeling nervous or worried, you should talk to your friends, form tutor or a trusted adult.

The dinners at Bewdley are so delicious I have to try and resist it sometimes due to the amount of money I have! There are three places you can get food at Bewdley. You can go to the pod which is a little caravan-like vehicle where you can get food which you can eat quickly. There is also the school cafeteria and you can get food from two places in there: there is the main area where you can get out a tray and have proper meals like fish and chips, lasagne etc; in addition, there is another area at the back where they serve scrumptious wraps filled with your chosen fillings.

There are many clubs at The Bewdley School during breaks and after school. Some of my favourite clubs are dance and textiles because the teachers are really nice. In dance you get to help choregraph the moves and in textiles you get to sew and create whatever you want. There are also lots more: football club, acapella club, drama club, art club, trampolining club and many more. There are sports teams at Bewdley and you will be able to represent the school in many activities if you wish- but you don't need to join a club for that.

The main difference from Primary school and Secondary school is that there are different classrooms and teachers for each subject and there are also more subjects to be learnt too. One of my personal favourite change is that you get really yummy snacks at break time! In Bewdley you will enjoy the experiments we do in science, the food you will make in cooking, relaxing with a book in the marvellous library and the hanging out with your friends.

From Abigail