



# The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Year 6 students,

Our names are Nandini, Alishba, Elodee and Mary and we are Year 7 students at Crossley Heath Grammar School. We are sending this letter to help support you in your transition. We hope it helps!

The transition from Year 6 to Year 7 may feel a little bit daunting but don't worry, here are some tips to help you.

We all felt a bit nervous, and it felt quite strange when we started secondary school because it is a massive change in our lives.

Leaving primary school was a bit sad, mainly because of the number of memories and people that we'd spent 7 years of our life with and, for some of us, the number of friends we were leaving behind too.

The first day of secondary school can feel exciting and a little scary at the same time. It's a big building and it was a bit difficult to find our way around but, once you make new friends, the getting lost part is much less daunting and you all help each other out. The school is big but after a while, it gets easy to find your way around.

Lunch times can be very busy with many of the older students also going to the same place at the same time, but you get used to it. The lunch queues can get long because there are over a thousand students in the school. You can bring a packed lunch if you prefer and the selection of food is way better than at primary school.

When you come to Crossley Heath, you will enjoy more freedom at break and lunchtimes because we can go to the library and go to clubs that are on that day, which is also exciting because of the opportunities to meet so many different people in your form and year.

For many of us, we enjoy secondary school more than primary school because of the different opportunities and responsibilities. Yes, the work is harder at secondary school, but the practical lessons are more fun, and the teachers are supportive.

Transition to secondary school isn't over on your first day here. For almost everyone, it took anywhere between a few weeks to a term to settle in.

Try your best to stay organised and pack all the books that you need the night before school.

Get a big bag as there are no lockers available in the school.

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As the year goes on, the work can get more challenging, but the teachers are here to help you along the way.

In Year 7 you do have assessments and tests. Some students get worried about these but we do assessments to help you and your teachers to check how things are going. We are all used to doing tests at primary school anyway, so it's not a big deal.

Top tips for assessments/tests:

- Don't panic for tests, just do your best.
- When it comes to revising try not to leave it too late, make sure you eat and sleep well.
- Make a clear revision plan to help you.

It's important to get to know your class as making friends can help you settle in to Year 7. Being kind and interested in getting to know new people will be all you need to do.

The teachers ask for discipline but are kind and helpful. If you have a worry or difficulty then you can speak to one of the pastoral team, your form tutor, Mrs Griggs or Mr Davis. They will help you.

At times, the corridors can get crowded but just keep calm, stay on the left where you can and be prepared to be patient when moving around busy areas.

You will be provided with a planner to help you keep organised. Writing down key information about your homework really helps you to remember what was said in the lesson. Make sure you bring a reading book and be punctual to lessons. Most students have a really exciting transition but, if you have worries, make sure you tell someone.

Good luck and have fun at Crossley Heath!

From,  
Alishba, Mary, Nandini and Elodee