

Dear Year 6 student,

I am a Year 7 student from 7C at Royds Hall. I will talk to you today about the time school starts, the times of the day, your way around school, the uniform, equipment you need and also the behaviour system.

Firstly, it is best if you wake up at 7.30am because school starts at 8.30am but you have to be in school by 8.20. At first you will think this is very early but after a few weeks you will get used to this!

Secondly, all of your lessons will be 1 hour long, apart from period 1 because you also have form time. You get to go home at 2.50pm too.

Thirdly, for uniform you need a white buttoned shirt, blazer, tie and trousers or knee-length skirt, black socks and black school shoes (no trainers allowed). For equipment you need a pen, purple pen, ruler, pencil, black or blue pen, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, a planner, a reading book and a scientific calculator. You will be given your planner in September but you must make sure you have everything else with you.

The behaviour system is simple. There is a verbal warning first if you are refusing to do something or talking over the teacher. If that happens again you will be given a B1 and if you still carry on it will be a B2 and a 10 minute detention. Finally, if you do something again, it will be a B3 and you will be exit roomed and have a 30 minute detention after school.

In conclusion, Royds Hall is a really good school. If you're feeling nervous, anxious or worried because you don't have any friends or know anyone who is coming with you, don't worry about it because you will meet loads of new people and make new friends. One positive thing about Royds is that if you have any worries you can speak to someone because things like bullying are not tolerated in this school and someone will help you out. One negative thing is that we can't use lockers at the moment due to COVID-19 but hopefully when you come in September everything will go back to normal.

I look forward to seeing you at school in September!

From Ismaeel

Dear Student,

I am writing to you to talk about your transition to Royds Hall, A Share Mat Academy. At first it might be a little frightening but this letter will tell you what to do.

Firstly, I would like to bring up the type of equipment you will need. At Royds Hall you will be given a planner. The planner will be useful as it contains the world map, the lessons you will be attending and the periodic table of elements. You will need to bring your own equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler and protractor. If you don't bring equipment you will be given an E/U on the behaviour board which will result in a 30 minute detention.

Secondly, I am going to talk about the times of the day. These times of the day will be stored in your planner so you know what time your lessons start and end. At the moment we start at 8.30am and finish at 2.50pm but these may change in September.

Lastly, I would like to bring up the layout of the school. Again, this information will be stored in your planner. At Royds Hall, there is a tower block near the dining room where Design and Technology, Science and Maths rooms are. The English and Art rooms are to the left of the concourse and at the ANT room there are stairs leading to the first floor where the music, ICT and Humanities rooms are. This is also where the library is.

In conclusion, everything will be fine! You will meet new people and everything you need is in your planner. If you need anything you can go to student services and they will help.

See you in September!

From Luke

Dear Year 6,

I am writing to you about going into Year 7 and how to help you with this. My name is Tayyab from Royds Hall and I am one of the many students who have experienced the start of high school this year.

Firstly, I want to talk to you about what the school is like and what happens every day. When you first join the school you will be put into form groups that you'll be with every day. You'll meet your new teacher and classmates. Later on, everyone will do activities to get to know each other. It may seem a bit awkward, but if you communicate more it will help you settle in more quickly. After that you will have a tour around the massive mansion. It may seem like you'll get lost but it is almost impossible for that to happen! If it does, you can ask for help from any member of staff who will be able to assist you.

Secondly, you should know about the behaviour system and homework. It is very simple. If you misbehave you will be given a warning. If this doesn't stop you it will be a B1, B2 and finally an exit room and a B3 detention. Another main thing is you must remember your homework and your equipment. You need a pen, pencil, purple pen, ruler, rubber, highlighter, protractor and glue stick. This will be helpful for you to know throughout the school year.

The third crucial thing is about the start of your journey, is making new friends. If you don't know anyone, start conversations. It is important you do this because you do not want to be lonely at school. You will have lots in common with people, so find out what these things are! If you don't do this, school won't seem fun and you won't enjoy all the fun things that happen. I want you to enjoy school and once you make friends you will feel more confident and school won't seem so boring!

In conclusion, I hope all these tips help you to feel more confident about joining us at Royds Hall. I hope you've enjoyed this letter and helps you.

From Tayyab

Dear Student,

I have been informed that you are going to be joining us in September at Royds Hall. I do understand that you may be nervous about coming to secondary school, but I wanted to write to you so that you feel more confident before your first day. I am a proud student of this amazing academy and I am going to give you some information about how you settle in quickly! Now let's get started, shall we?

Firstly, unlike primary school, we have a strict behaviour policy. This is only needed if students misbehave in lessons. If you do misbehave you will be given 3 warnings before you are sent out of the classroom and will have a 30 minute detention. Please do try to behave though because your behaviour affects your future and others learning too.

Secondly, our school has different times of the day to primary school. We start at 8.30am and finish at 2.50pm. You will have form time and 5 lessons each day before you get to go home!

Please also make sure that you bring all your equipment and homework with you. You will need to make sure that you are ready to learn in all your lessons.

So there you go! This is pretty much all you need to know. Stay positive, be confident and ask if you need any help!

See you in September!

From Hannah

Dear Student,

I have heard you are going to join us in school here at Royds Hall in September. I am most excited to be writing to you because it will tell you what you need to know and expect, so pay close attention to what I am about to say!

Now if know it is kind of scary to go to a new school and to meet new people there because I went through it all this year! But there is nothing to be scared of because you are going to have fun and spend the next 5 years of your life there. It is going to be fun, adventurous, sensational and most of all you will gain loads of new experiences!

Secondly, I have a tip for lunch time! I just wanted to let you know that the lunch line is so long and you only have 30 minutes to eat, so I would bring a packed lunch!

The final thing I want to tell you about is my all time favourite lesson – PE! You may think ‘oh yes, PE is all fun and games’ but no it is not! It’s competitive and hard work, but also so much fun! I love PE and I hope you enjoy the time you have in your PE lessons too.

Last but not least, is that the teachers will always be there for you in every single lesson. If you don’t understand what to do, or you are stuck, please ask them for help because they are very kind and supportive. If you have any questions or need anything then please ask!

Thank you for your time and I wish you the best of luck.

From Khadijah

Dear Student,

Okay, I am not going to write this formally because we all know you'll get bored if I do! I have been asked to write to you about joining school in September. My name is Henry, I am from Huddersfield and... you're bored already. I will get to the point!

So I am going to start with the famous quote 'I hate school!' but it's not how it has to be, you can enjoy your time here and learn a lot in your lessons. I should probably warn you that there is a pretty strict behaviour policy here, so it is best that you follow the rules and listen to your teachers. Being in trouble is no fun and actually you don't look cool. Also... the pizza is legendary (well maybe not, but it's pretty good) so you should definitely try that when you start!

School can be a great place to be. Here are two tips to help things be easier for you:

1. Keep your head down, do what your teachers ask and don't get detentions!
2. Get a friend! Trust me, it's a lot better with a friend to help you through starting a new school.

When I moved up to school I only came with one other student who happened to be my best friend! By a miracle, he was in the same form class as me! But we have also made lots of new friends now and this has been really good. What I am trying to say is that it's easy to make new friends and I am sure you will be fine!

I've told you the basics, so follow my tips! Make friends, don't be silly and remember to try the pizza!

I wish you all the luck in year 7!

From Henry