



What's bugging you about Secondary School?

What can you look forward to at Blatch?

What do you NEED to know?

Some of the ideas you might have
buzzing round your head have been
answered by our Year 7 students.



"I love this school and I really feel like we are one big family."



Will I be with my form class for my lessons?

For most of your lessons, yes, but you will be in a different class for a few lessons like maths, design, food tech and PE.

Do you have a class? Like 6B or 6JW.

Yes, the first number will be your year followed by your form tutor's initials.

"This school is awesome!"



"The older students helped me get to class on time."

Will I be with my friends?

You can request to be with a couple of friends, usually you will be in a form with at least one of them but you can see all your friends at break and lunch times.

Will there be awards like Star of the Week and stuff?

There will be awards like achievement points for good work/kindness and many more good things you do. With these points you will be able to purchase items from Passport such as stationery, sports equipment, etc.



“Everyone is treated equally no matter what”

How will I know where to go?

You will eventually know it off by heart, but to start with you can use a map or ask a teacher or an older student and they will point you in the right direction.

How many children are in a class? About 30.



“The teachers and other students were really welcoming and they've really helped me come out of my shell”

Will we have to sit boy-girl-boy-girl or can you choose your seats?

Your teacher will tell you where to sit but it is not always boy-girl.

Where do I go to ask about any problems?

You can talk to your Form Tutor and Year Office or you can go to Student Services which is in the middle of the school.



“There are so many opportunities here, like concerts, productions, prizes and trips!”





“At the start coming to Blatch was a bit nerve wracking but after a week or so it felt like home”



Where do I go if I've hurt myself or feel unwell?

You can go to the medical room. It's near the canteen.

Can your shoes have some white on them?

Your shoes have to be plain black and should be able to 'raise a shine'.



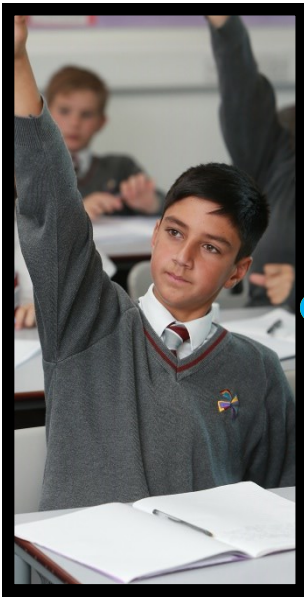
Are you given pencils, rubbers, rulers, pens and stuff?

You will have to bring your own things in a pencil case.

"The food is amazing!"

"I love the unique subjects"





“The teachers are extremely kind”

“I like using the astros at lunch”

Will there be much homework?

It’s about an hour a night and you can go to homework club in the RIC any day after school if you want help with your homework.

Is there a play area just for Year 7?

There is an area called the Quad for only year 7s. It is covered so you can still go there when it is raining. There are tables and benches so you can eat your lunch there. There is also a table tennis table and a football table.

Can I bring my phone in?

Yes, but you can’t get it out of your bag while you’re in school otherwise it will be confiscated for 24 hours. If you have one in your bag you must make sure it is off (not on silent) so it doesn’t go off in lessons.



“I really like the year 7 Quad”

“You can receive ‘passport points’ and get prizes!”

What does a form teacher do?

They take the register and depending on the day they will do different activities like a quiz, reading or an ICT session. We have just started doing mindfulness as well – which is cool. And they check up on you to make sure you are okay, coming to school and working hard.

How will I remember my timetable?

You don't have to remember it because you can check it on your chromebook but as the school year goes on you will start remembering it.

Will I go to first lesson first?

Every morning you have to go to your form room from 8.40 to 9.00 and then you will get sent to your first lesson.

Are there any clubs after school or at lunch?

There is a wide variety of clubs to join including:

Trampolining

Drama

Dance

Basketball

Football

Science

Music



Do you have a tray? (Like my tray in my classroom in year 6?)

No you don't as you have to move classroom but you do bring your bag with you to every lesson. And you can rent a locker for the year to keep stuff in that you don't want to carry around all day. Information about these gets sent out in the summer holidays.



Where is the playground?

There are many areas to play in but the main one is the East Wing playground, where you will come in to line up in your new form on your first day.

What happens if I get lost?

You can ask anyone around the school. You will get a map at the start of the year but if you lose it there are maps up on the noticeboards around the school.

Do you have to bring money in for the canteen?

No, you put money on your account online or in the machines in school. Then to pay you just put your finger on the scanner in the canteen.

Will my form teacher teach me?

You swap teachers for different subjects but you will be with your form tutor every morning during form time and they will do lots of fun things with you. They might be your teacher for a certain subject too—but this varies.

Can you go to the toilet when you are in a lesson?

You can if you ask permission but the teachers would prefer us to go at break or lunch time.



When will I find out who is in my class?

When you go to induction day in July you will meet your form group.

"I felt quite nervous at the start but it didn't take long for me to settle in and find a group of friends that I felt comfortable around"