

Year 7 letters to Year 6

Dear Year 6,

Joining secondary school can be a little worrying especially in times like this. You may be worried about becoming lost and that is fair, but there is an easy solution to this: Southborough is easy to navigate as there are only 4 floors: A,B,C and D. On your timetable there is a room number for each of your lessons for example: B1, this would be the first room on the second floor. There are also helpful signposts around the school which make it easier for you to find your way around. You may be thinking about having lots of different teachers in different classrooms may be confusing, but this isn't as bad as people think: it gives you the opportunity to meet new teachers and not having the same teacher over and over again. I really enjoy it and you get used to it very quickly.

Jared, Year 7

Dear future Southborough students,

There are a few differences between primary and secondary schools, one of the main differences is the uniform because at Southborough we wear ties and blazers. Don't worry about learning how to tie a tie. Ties are easy to do. It only took me two weeks to learn properly by watching how other students do it and practicing.

Another difference is that you may have to take your books everywhere you go as you will have different lessons with different books. My advice is to pack the books you need for the next day, in your bag, the night before, this will make sure you are prepared.

Sometimes in lessons you can go on your devices to help with the work, the teacher will tell you when this is allowed and it can help your learning. If you're worried about making friends I guarantee that one of your friends will come to Southborough and if they make friends probably their friends will become your friends too and the same the other way around.

Southborough is a great place to go to school; there are lots of extra curricular activities you can do here for example: sports, art, music and more. There are loads of clubs such as football, rugby, table tennis, basketball and they're all free. You just turn up when you want. Secondary school is nothing to be afraid of, it's fun.

James, Year 7

Dear Year Six students,

I realise you may be worried about starting secondary school in September, I know how you feel so I will try and help as much as possible. Our school is big but you will find your way around, if you get lost, try and find a teacher and ask them where you should go or ask an older student and see if they could help point the way: everyone is very helpful. The teachers are really friendly at Southborough and so are the students, they are always there to help and give advice.

Now, homework is a bit different in secondary, you get about three pieces of homework a day. Some can be five minutes long, others can be up to an hour. It is a bit overwhelming at times but you will get used to it, you just need to be organised and try to complete them the night you get it set.

Southborough also offers lots of fun sports to do and we have lots of clubs to join after school. Try to get involved - you'll make new friends.

You will love it here, trust me.

Moss, Year 7

Dear Year 6 student,

I am writing to tell you everything will be fine when you get to Southborough and please try not to worry. I know it is a difficult time at the moment but we will make sure that you are made welcome at your new school. Everyone will help you and the teachers will show you around and make sure you do not get lost.

There is a lot of homework but you will get used to it. There are also lots of after school clubs that you can join which are free. Don't worry if you are not with your primary school friends as you will make new friends and you may be in the same Maths set as them. Good luck in Southborough.

Oliver, Year 7

Dear Year 6,

I know moving to a new school can be really nerve-racking and that is fine because I was nervous too and I know what it is like to be in your position. I am going to tell you how to overcome those nerves. Southborough is a big school but do not worry if you are lost as teachers will help you get around and in the first few weeks, it is ok to be a bit late for your class also everyone else in your year is in the same boat and they know you're finding your way. Because everyone is trying to make friends, think

of icebreaker questions to start conversations and potentially make new friends. You will make friends easy.

Dexter, Year 7

Dear Year 6,

Now at this time you are probably feeling a connection to your primary school and worried about leaving it. I was feeling like that too and I missed my teachers but from the first day at Southborough, I was so excited. It was something that I never expected. Instead of struggling to make friends everyone was so inviting! Not only that but the subjects are way cooler! In science you can do insane experiments with chemistry and gravity. It's very exciting.

Ryan, Year 7

Dear Year 6 students,

At Southborough there are lots of new exciting lessons you will experience. My favourite lesson is Art because it is very different from primary school. We have art studios with lots of exciting projects and equipment to use, I love going to the Art Club - I recommend it.

I also enjoy the coding club where I have learned to make games!

I found the biggest difference between primary and secondary school was the moving to different classrooms for my different subjects, this is easy to work out as you get a timetable with the different classroom numbers on it so it is easy to find your way. You will learn the school very quickly.

Madhav, Year 7

Dear Year 6,

I hope you are looking forward to joining Southborough, you'll have a great time here! There are lots of things you can do after school and at lunch times on top of your lessons. This year I got involved in our Grease production and it was great fun! I worked with boys from different year groups and made even more friends. I really enjoyed the Grease performance and will definitely take part in our next one. You could also get involved too. Have a great summer, see you in September!

Igor, Year 7