

20.06.24.

~~DEAR YEAR 6,~~

Hi! My name is ~~Orsi~~ (Orshee), and I am currently in year 7. I'm in form 7A, studying ~~Spanish~~ and ~~French~~ and I walk to school with my friend. ~~When I~~

I have quite bad anxiety, and due to that, tics. They are just small involuntary movements and I developed them due to stress, in year 6. I was very worried about these being amplified in secondary, as I had been told year 7 was extremely stressful daily by my year 6 teacher. I was told I must get to lessons immediately on time, that I might get lost and that there's too much homework to keep on top of. However, I had yet to discover, none of that is true.

Getting to lessons late isn't that bad on your first couple days. You can always ask staff, or an older year for help, and the buildings are separated into blocks (a block, b block etc.) to make it easy to navigate. After a while, you'll know the school perfectly. As for homework, it's not bad. As long as you get it done around the day it's set, maybe on the weekend, you'll be set fine. I recommend going to the summer school to get an easier transition from primary to secondary, and get used to your surroundings.

My favourite subject has been drama, and out of the variety of ~~clubs~~ clubs there were, I chose to go to drama and art, also netball. They're all very fun, and you'll definitely meet new people. Again, drama is my favourite because it really sets my imagination off.

This year, I participated in the Eisteddfods. This is a Welsh traditional competition, where you showcase your talents and potentially win an award. I sang, and won "best newcomer" award, and I recommend auditioning, or doing it with a club, such as Drama or Choir.

Ebblingham was definitely the best residential I've been on. I made many new friends and memories, such as trying snails. I'll let you discover the rest...

Good Luck!

-Orsi.

20.6.24

Dear Year 6,

Hello, my name is Kaira, I'm in 7A, I study French and German, and I take the train to school. Before I joined Anglo, I wasn't as nervous but I was definitely a bit scared to start school by myself! But, I always stayed positive and ended up making lots of friends! When you start a new school, of course, you're going to have absolutely no idea what you're doing and all the places around the school but students and teachers are all here to help with your ~~pre~~ problems and what you're unsure about. I remember when I joined this school, I was most excited about making plenty of friends, trying the school food, learning new languages and many more!

The best thing about Anglo is learning new languages because it's the best opportunity to be able to say some words or sentences that you didn't know about, being able to understand someone who might not be able to speak English and if you already speak a language, you would be able to become a multilingualist, which boosts up the school's appearance and makes you well educated!

For me, my favourite subject to learn in school is German because I find German super easy, it's a fun language to learn, I would 100% recommend you to take and you can learn it very easily!

I wish you all the best future year 7's
Good luck!
from Kaira ☺

20th June 2024

Dear year 6!

My name is Grace, I'm in 7A and I study German and French. I remember reading these letters and going to the first Induction day, filled with excitement. You should be excited! Year 7 is a big step, but a big step for the better. If you are nervous about getting lost, you don't need to be, trust me when I say you'll adjust much quicker than you think. The Induction day is a great time to make new friendships in preparation for the school year to start. If you came with a lot of primary school friends, you should still make a ~~some~~ bunch of new friendships. I came to this school from Ingatestone junior school along with 36 students from that school, and none of them are in my friend group (although we still are friends).

I'm not trying to be annoying when I say 'Concentrate in your classes!' It's so useful for when you take notes on everything new that you learn in your classes, especially in preparation for EOY's (end of year tests), but that's a whole year away!

You should be very excited for Ebbingham, but mentally prepare yourself for the chance of not being in the same coach/room as your friends, because the teachers are trying their best to make everyone happy. If you don't end up with all of your friends, that's ok. I ended up with 1 of my friends and the trip was still fun! Ebbingham made me meet some people in my year that I'd never met before, and some of them became my friends!

Clubs are great and there's a vast variety. Some clubs actually help with your future career! I do LAMDA (acting exams) and I'm doing my grade 1 exam soon. LAMDA is very useful and I've gained a lot of acting tips. ~~★~~ If acting isn't your thing, there are so many clubs that you will be introduced to that may catch your interest.

I recommend joining Student Voice if you want to make a difference in the school. I'm in the 'behaviour and attitudes' department and I honestly love it, but there are so many more departments to join if you want!

Best WISHES!

- Grace xx

≧ Dear year 6, ≦

Hi! I'm Alexandra (but people call me Alexa) and I am in the form 7A. I have been studying two languages: German (which I chose) and French - the school chose that one.

Getting to school is the most relaxing part for me as I love sitting on the train and drawing on my phone is really fun. I don't live too far from my school but some of my friends (such as Kaiva) live further away and need to wake up really early to get to school on time, others (like Bea) can wake at 10 past 8 and still get to school on time.

When I started school I was mostly nervous about friends. I didn't have any friends going to Anglo so I was all on my own and seeing other people with a whole friend group did not make me feel any better. But then I gave a compliment to a girl and then I got her name - Kaiva. But then I wasn't with her but then she kind of spawned into my life. The same happened with Bea. I was personally most excited by the thought of learning Japanese in year 8 as I love cute things. I was also (this is a bit embarrassing) excited for using my luxurious pens rather than cheap plastic ones that don't even work. I could also now ~~use~~ have my hair done.

My favourite subject is none. I don't have a favourite subject but I do have a few of my liked ones. I like science but only chemistry though (I love the periodic table) as well as maths (Love my teacher) and English - It's jolly good fun!

I went to Ebbingham and all I have to say that it was fun but had major flaws such as homesickness.

Finally here is some advice: Have good friends and don't keep grudges. Plan your day. And do your homework - I know it's boring just do it.

Best wishes

Good luck!

Bye!



Kirby

- Alexa

~ 20th June 2024 ~

Dear Year 6,

Hello! My name is Sophia and I am in 7A. I will tell you all about my experience in Year 7 and before you begin worrying, let me tell you; it's not that scary!

I am studying French & German and for me I prefer German. French is fun, but I understand German more. My advice for learning languages is to try to really listen and understand the first lessons. Of course, you should listen in every lesson, but especially the first few as they are the basic building blocks that are crucial to get ahead.

Normally, I take train after school because I live quite far. I was really worried at first, because I thought I would have to walk alone and memorise the way. But, let me tell you that I made many friends that take train, and walking to the train station with them has been one of the highlights of my year. It's so fun to laugh and chat after school! As for memorising the way, I thought it would be so hard, but after a week I already remembered everything! It sticks into your brain like glue, trust me!

When I was in your shoes, I was most worried about making friends, figuring out my way around the school and switching rooms for lessons. But, when you join the school it is important to remember that everyone feels as scared as you, so you need to just put yourselves out there and make new friends. Trust me, they will be delighted when you come up to them! Also, if you are someone that has lots of people transitioning from your primary school with you to Anglo, don't think that you don't need to make new friends. You will find so many people like you, so like I said before, you just need to put yourself out there. I am friends with loads of people I met on the Induction day, and I love them so much, I don't know what I would do without them!). You will find your way around the school in no time, don't you worry!

It is great to join loads of different clubs and expand your variety of clubs, you need to step out of your comfort zone, you won't regret it! My favourite clubs are the drama ones and LAMDA because I'm quite dramatic and I love acting. But, there is a club for everyone!

I will briefly explain about Ebbingham because I don't want to spoil it for you, but it is such an amazing experience! I thought I was set with my friends but even this late in the year I still made such great friends! The experience is truly unforgettable, and is a great time away from home!

I wish you the best of luck in year 7, it's so fun!

-Sophia!

Dear year 6,

Hi, I'm Bea and am in 7A which means I study french and german, which I really enjoy. As I live locally I walk to school every day with one of my closest friends. I love walking to school as I find it gets me up well for the day.

When I first joined ~~an~~ Anglo I was really nervous as I thought wouldn't have any friends and everyone would be a lot better and smarter at subjects I hadn't really done before. But after my first day I realised that every did think the same thing as even if they didn't show it.

In the summer holidays and throughout the start of the Autumn term I was super excited for the cross country, (most people dread the cross-country) as I love running and especially triathlon I was the sort of person who just got on with life and tried to be kind to everyone I meet. But after the cross-country, which I won by a ~~large~~ huge margin people in other forms kept asking how I ran so fast. Later on in the ~~1st~~ year I had the opportunity to represent the school in the Essex cross-country which was amazing ~~that~~ to make it even better I managed win that as well, which was crazy.

My favourite subject is art as I love my art teacher Mrs Jonhstone she is so kind and extramly talented, I do also love the subject itself as I am creative.

good lucks

from Bea.

20.06.24

Dear year 6,

My name is Grace and I'm in form 7A. I am studying German and French. I was a bit nervous when I first joined but after a week I was fine. My favourite subjects are PE and drama. I love sports which is amazing because AES has so many sporting opportunities. I am on the netball team, football team, and I love doing cross-country and not to forget I'm also on the swimming team. A couple weeks ago now year 7 went on a school trip to France (Ebbw Vale). I enjoyed the trip so much and we did so many fun activities. We travelled there on Tuesday and travelled one week later on Tuesday. All the staff were lovely and super kind at Ebbw Vale. I loved my room and I was in a room with my friends! I am loving year 7 so far!

Best wishes and good luck

From Grace 😊💖💖