

Tom Smith's Tips for Transition – Year 6 to Year 7

Hi year 6 hope you have been doing ok through lockdown. Mrs Anderton has asked me to write down my thoughts about moving from year 6 to year 7, especially if there are any things I can tell you that might help the change.

- ✓ Look forward to it – it is a brilliant new beginning
- ✓ Remember your time at St Michaels, it is a brilliant school and you will realise that most when you have left
- ✓ Walk to school, most people do and it's good for you.
- ✓ You will be given a map to help you find different rooms. There are also lots of other students around to help you. Teachers understand in the first few weeks if you get lost. You will know your way around within two weeks – it gets really easy.
- ✓ In normal times the school works on a two-week timetable. Week 1 has slightly different lessons to week 2. You will be given your two-week timetable in the first week. Make sure you know which week it is. All the other students in your tutor will be following the same pattern so lots of people to ask if you forget.
- ✓ I carry my timetable around with me but also have a photocopy at home...just in case!
- ✓ Don't worry about the older students – they are cool and generally try to help you settle in.
- ✓ Don't worry about your tutor – they are all great and try really hard to make everyone feel settled in
- ✓ Don't worry about who is going to be in your tutor group. You will know a couple of people from your class, sometimes more but everyone is looking forward to making new friends – so it's easy.
- ✓ Try and make new friends, meet new people, and try new things
- ✓ Get involved – in whatever comes up, try to get involved.
- ✓ Try the canteen or the Deli bar – food is good. Drinks and snacks get a bit expensive- watch out your parents check on their computers!
- ✓ Take your water bottle just like at St Michaels but keep it in your bag all day
- ✓ Only take the books you need for that day – I started to take all my books every day – that didn't work out very well.
- ✓ You can get a locker, they cost a small amount. Your parents will be told how to sign up for this. They are good to leave your PE kit in but sometimes there isn't time to get your stuff from the lockers before the lesson. You have to plan and go to your locker in a break before your PE lesson.
- ✓ Enjoy the Fresher Fair – this is in early September and you can sign up to loads of clubs. This might be different at the moment, but I think they will all start again at some point so make sure you join up to things that you are interested in
- ✓ Don't worry if your friends don't sign up to the clubs you think look good. Go anyway, you will meet new people who also like that sort of stuff.
- ✓ If the school can run the year 7 Tyrabad trips – go! It's brilliant even if you don't like the out and about sort of stuff, most people really enjoy it and you will make even more friends.
- ✓ Be on time – always
- ✓ Wear your uniform properly - always
- ✓ Don't have your phone out. It is not cool to be caught with your phone and it will get taken away.