

Dear Year 6,

My name is Joshua Jones, and I am in Year 11, my final year, at Harrogate High School. I wanted to write to you all to tell you about high school and how to make the most of your time there.

At HHS, you will soon find your favourite things to do and there will probably be a club for it. My favourite thing has been an Anti-Bullying Ambassador, I have enjoyed this role as it has allowed me to help people throughout my time here. Your favourite thing might be being a member of Student Voice, or joining a sports club. If there isn't something you like, come up with some new and exciting ideas and staff will help and support you to start something new.

At HHS, you will make new friends. It's inevitable. It is a big worry that lots of people have when starting a new school but within your first couple of days the worry will be over. You will still have some old friends but you will quickly make new ones. You will even make friends with older students from other year groups through the VMG.

One thing that I found a lot different to primary school is how you refer to your teacher, because in primary, you would have called your teacher by their surname; here you refer to the teacher as "Miss", or "Sir". You also have different classrooms for your subjects. Each lesson you need to travel around the school to go to a new room. Some people worry about getting lost – please don't! There are so many people at HHS that will point you in the right direction.

At your primary school, you may have had a small library, at HHS we have one that has almost 8,000 books. Another thing that might be different about our library to your school is that we call ours the "Learning Resource Centre", or "LRC" for short. You can volunteer to be a librarian and help other students to work and select their reading books.

For most of the roles at Harrogate High School, you will get a badge, from the shield shaped Student Voice badge, to the rectangular Librarian badge. You should try to collect a range of these as it shows you have a really broad and interesting skillset.

I wish you the best of luck for your transition into Year 7.

Yours,

Joshua J