

An English Classroom
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Dear Year 6s,

High school is very different from primary school. It is an exciting new place, with lots of amazing opportunities; you will also meet many new people. It can be quite scary at first, but hopefully after reading this letter, you will feel more prepared. You don't need to be afraid of change, for high school is not as intimidating as it sounds. Gradually, you'll start to feel more comfortable.

High school is a thrilling new place. You will meet different people and make new friends. Although this seems exciting, a lot of responsibilities come with going into high school. You have to make sure you are organized, which may become stressful, it is important you know what you need to pack. Luckily, GHS gives you a planner, where you write down your homework and other important notes. Other ways for you to stay organized are: packing your bag the night before (to avoid confusion in the morning); doing your homework the day you get it; and keeping your timetable safe(so you know what classes you have each day). The things you need in your bag everyday are:

- your exercise books
- your planner
- a reading book
- your pencil case,
- your PE kit (if you have PE),
- your lunch card (if you eat school dinners).

Be methodical and pack your bag the night before, because if you forget any of these things, it might result in a detention!

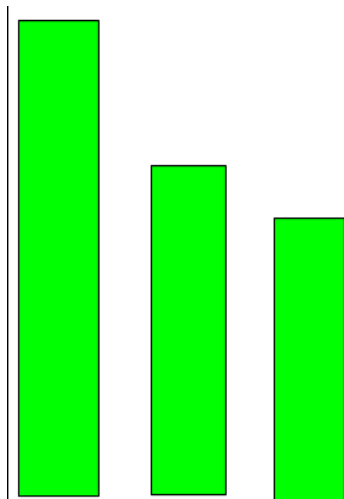
There are many extra-curricular clubs, which are all free, that you can go to. Surprisingly, clubs are where you meet amazing people: it's a good chance to socialize and make new friends. Don't worry about if you won't like the club for you don't have to fully commit to it. There are so many to choose from, you're bound to find one you like! Clubs are not the only thing GHS provides, there are also many school trips that you could be invited to (if your teacher picks you). There are trips for most of the departments so there is quite a high chance you could go (if there are a few trips every year for 5 years then you are bound to go to one). Typically, there are trips to all sorts of places. This year- so far- there have been 2 trips that I know of: one to a museum and one to Westminster Abbey.

Hopefully, you will take advantage of all the opportunities GHS has to offer.

In GHS, you have to be considerate of your environment. Everyone expects you to treat the iBlock, the same way you should treat your house. There are rules you have to follow to help your community and be a good global citizen:

- Don't litter.
- If you see rubbish, pick it up.
- After you eat lunch, clean up after yourself.
- Keep the school in good condition. eg: don't draw on the tables, look after the resources ect.

Naturally, bad behaviour gets you behaviour points so good behaviour gets you achievement points (which end up getting you rewards). It is vital that you behave at all times, not just for achievement points, but so you can unlock your full potential and have the best experience at GHS. With saying that, good behaviour does not go unrewarded. There are hot chocolate Fridays and cinema afternoons - for the form with the most achievement points. Once you get 10 behaviour points, which is not a pleasant experience. The more behaviour points you get, the more severe the punishments get.



This Graph shows that 60% of children get detentions for forgetting equipment, 25% get detentions for not doing their homework, and only 15% get detentions for their behaviour. Thus, you need to make sure you are organized!

Remember, high school is not frightening! I hope this letter has helped you feel more prepared, and I can't wait to see you next year.

Yours sincerely,
Amirah♥

