



# Letters to year 6



**Starting secondary school can be a very daunting experience, but it doesn't have to be. To help ease any of your nerves, address some of your main concerns and provide you with some great advice some of our Year 7 and 8 students, who were in your position not long ago, have written to you.**

Dear Year 6's,

Hello, I am Martha and I'm in Year 7. I'm here to reassure you all about coming to the Amazing Alcester Academy and that it is a school that supports all students. They can help you if you are struggling and it is a place to boost you up not bring you down. If there is any case of bullying, they will deal with straight away and make sure that it stops. I know that many of you have extreme doubts because I have been in your shoes. I have been in the exact the same place as you; I know how scary it is, I know how confusing it all is and this school is nothing that you are doubting. I believe that Alcester Academy is the best choice I have made in my entire life. If you read this letter you can find out why Alcester Academy is one of the best schools I have ever known.

To begin with, if you are worried about getting lost then so was I and it is completely normal to be! Thankfully, there is a solution to that problem; you get given a map and you will be in the same group of people for a certain amount of classes. For example, I am in 7y/1 which means anyone else in 7y/1 will be with me for the entire year in many classes so if you get lost, they get lost. You will always turn up together so the teachers will understand. At the beginning of the school year the teachers will understand if you are a bit late to class because you are still getting used to the school and finding your way. When I was late, my teacher didn't mind for it was the beginning and he understood.

Also, if you are worried about getting a detention then you don't need to for it is extremely hard to get one! You will get given a detention if you are always late to class, if you don't do your homework repeatedly and there are the red pages in the planner. If you fill the ten red boxes, then you get an SLT and don't get to go on the end of term trip. They are really hard to get and if you behave in class and do your homework then you won't get a detention for class. If you misbehave outside or in the corridors, then you will get an orange card but it is very rare that you get them. There is a settle bell at lunchtime which means that you can't go back inside but at the start of the year if you need the toilet then they will probably let you go but not when you get further into the year. If you have any worries at Alcester Academy or problems, then LSU can help you and support you.

In conclusion, Alcester Academy is an amazing school full of happiness and kindness but most importantly it is a place where you can feel safe. There is a strict no phone rule though so don't go on your phones, but you may have them in your backpack or blazer. One of the reasons is so that you can interact with each other instead of always being on your phones.

You can make friends very easily for the school is filled with wonderful students and teachers. I used to not like going to school before Alcester Academy but now I look forward to school in the morning. I believe that you will fall in love with the school just like I did.

From,

Martha – aged 12 – Yr 7.

Dear future Alcester Academy student,

I am writing to you to try and help you worry less, but help you prepare for the great time that you are going to have at Alcester Academy.

As a student, I understand that right now there may be many feelings swirling around in your head about starting high school but let me tell you it is nowhere near as scary as you would think.

One of the most common worries that you may have about starting high school is, what if I get lost or can't find a classroom? There is a simple resolution to this though, just ask one of the students or teachers around you we all know exactly where to go and even if that seems even scarier than getting lost always remember that we were in your position at one point so we know how you must be feeling. Another of the most common worries for you to have is that you aren't going to make new friends and no one is going to like you, but that also something that you can avoid by always putting a smile on your face when you meet new people, students or teachers. Something to always keep in mind is to always be yourself no matter what, we are very accepting of each other.

There seems to be many different things that are changing now that you are coming up to high school, work and homework included. Yes you do have to work harder, but there are so many people to help with both your school work and your homework, such as going to the library or homework club at lunchtimes as well as there being an after school homework club a few times a week. All of these have been put in place so that you can manage having some time where you don't think about school, but still excel in school!

In short, I would say that there are only a few things that you must remember to have an amazing time at Alcester Academy:

Write your homework down - using a homework diary or making a list of what is due when

Pack your bag the night before school

Be positive and embrace the opportunities that you are given

And paramount

Always smile!

I hope that this letter from an actual student's point of view has put your mind a little more at ease so that you can be excited not worried about starting high school at Alcester Academy! If you ever see me in the corridor be sure to say hello!

Yours sincerely,

Hannah  
Year 8

### **It's Fine**

On my first day I was excited and happy to be going to AA. The new uniform felt strange at first but it's fine now. In the first couple of weeks you won't get much homework and in your first week you get to go on a trip to make new friends. I find it hard to make friends and it's been fine. I made a friend in the first 10 minutes.

The teachers are kind and help you out. They will give you a map to find your way around and on the first week lots of people use them. There is lots of outdoor space, even in the winter when you're not allowed on the field.

Compared to primary school you have more of a variety of subjects and it's a brilliant, outstanding school. I have had a chance to do music which I didn't do at my old school and science, art, DT and French.

There is good communication with the home schooling and you have to follow your timetable which helps.

Good luck with your first day through to your last!

Current Y7

To New Year 7,

I know how you might be feeling now. I was in the same situation as you. I did not know anyone before I started at AA. I was nervous, and everything was new to me! You will be surprised at how friendly people are at this school. I was dreading my first day, but I made friends quickly and these are the people I am still mates with now! So, do not worry, there are always brilliant people out there to help you and comfort you. Other year groups also helped me and were surprisingly nice. I am very happy here. I'm in year 8 now and I don't think I have had a single boring day at this school, There are always people you will come across that you will be friends with for a very long time. You will be perfectly safe here and will have lots of fun!

## Dear future year 7's

I am writing to you to because i'm going to tell you some information about Alcester Academy,here are answers to all your questions,

### Uniform

At alcester academy all of our uniform has to be neat and tidy, tucked in and smart but if it isn't you could possibly get your standards card signed,there are three boxes on your standards card that could quickly fill up depending of your behaviour,however if all your boxes are full up you will get a detention.Now moving on to the uniform,skirts have to be a certain length(with the AA logo on the skirt),if girls choose to wear tights they have to wear the ones that are between 40-60 shade,boys have to wear either dark grey or black socks no other colour,both genders boys and girl have to wear a baby blue shirt with the alcester academy clip on tie.



### Life at Alcester Academy

You maybe thinking in your head "i don't want to go to highschool" or "highschool is gonna be boring" or even "im really worried to go to high school" but trust me its not, on your first day of school may be different due to covid-19 but i'm pretty sure you will meet a lot of new friends just like i did.All the teachers are really nice and will help you with everything,but if your too scared to ask the teachers you could ask some of the old year 7's like me for help with e.g. homework or just work in general.

### Homework

On your first week at school there will be no homework because Alcester academy just want you to settle in and not worry about homework.as you get more into year 7 you will get more homework,when homework is given out you will be given a time when its due in.And you ask how do you remember the date its due in ? Well on the day you start alcester academy you are gonna be given a Alcester Academy planner that has a lot of info about what happens during year 7. The planner also includes a list of all the teachers in the school.

### **Subjects/Lessons**

All of the subjects you take have a head so for example you have a head of english which is mr cooke and the head of maths is miss elliot,"how do you know your lessons you ask"well when you get your planner your tutor will hand you a piece of paper with your lessons on it.your timetable (your lessons) will be stuck either in the middle of your planner or on the last page,this is so you don't lose your timetable but if u lose your timetable you can easily go to lsu to get yourself a new timetable.

### **LSU**

Lsu is a place you can go to if your feeling upset,worried,if you feel sick,had an argument with friends or even collect things that your parents have dropped of that you have left at home.That is also where lost and found is located,and also in lsu if you have to take medicine during school hours that is were they store it and were you take it.

### **Clubs**

There are a little variety of after school clubs you can get involved with your friends

#### **After school clubs**

- Netball
- Basketball
- Rugby
- Football
- Archery
- Sometimes dance

Thank you for taking your time for reading this letter and i hope to see some of you in september, make sure you keep safe and keeping washing your hands

Your Sincerely,  
Kara (year 7)

Hello,

The transition from primary to secondary can be exciting for some but scary for others. At Alcester Academy we're like a gigantic family welcoming you in. Here, we look forward to many highlights in the year, which I'm sure you would too!! These include: end of year reward trips, Marle Hall, sports day, house activities and many other things! Don't worry if your scared on your first day or even get lost, there are plenty staff and students that would be happy to help.

JUST ENJOY BEING HERE AND MEETING LOT'S OF NEW FRIENDS!!

Holly 😊



Hello!

I know you might be feeling a little bit anxious and worried that you are coming to a whole new school. It could be that some of your friends are going to a different school than you and you might think 'I won't make any new friends' but you will.

When I came up last year I thought that I would stick to my friend group but that changed as in the second week I had made many wonderful new friends that I had never known or ever seen around town.

When you first get to Alcester Academy it will seem massive and scary. It might be bigger than your primary school and you will feel scared but when you get used to it you will feel like the school is your second home.

Don't worry about finding your way around the school although you might get confused a bit as you are heading to your lesson. If you do, you can just head to LSU (the Learning Support Unit) and ask them which way to go. They are always so friendly and kind in there. You can always tell the LSU about how you are feeling. If you are injured you can go to the LSU and they will sort you out. This is a school that cares and will look after you.

Can't wait for you to join in September!

Emily (Y8)