



WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions Answered By Our Students

Here are some of the common questions year 6 students have about moving up to year 7.

'What if I am not in a form with my friends?'

I have some advice for new year 7s worrying about that because that was what I was most worried about when I joined Woodbridge. my advice is: don't worry about trying to stay with your old friends too much: there are so many people at Woodbridge and everyone makes new friends. If you don't know anyone in your form it's just a great opportunity for you to make new friends. Not every class is with your form so even if your old friends aren't in your form they may be in one of your other classes. Also, if you don't really get along with your form there are lots of other people in different forms for you to make friends with. Don't worry about being with your friends because that's what I was worried about and now I have lots of friends. Everything will be okay 😊 - Willow Year 7

If you are not in the same form as your friends (which is very unlikely) there will at least be someone in your house who you will have some lessons with. Also it is easy to make friends as there are a lot of people. At lunch and break you can always arrange you meet your friends somewhere at the start of the day and make friends with their friends. - Lucy Year 7

From my experience they generally try put you with someone from your school, but if it that isn't the case, there are plenty of opportunities to make new friends, whilst being able to see your primary school friends at break and lunch. There is also a great team building trip in early October that helps you to get to know. - Olivia Year 7

You can always arrange to meet them at break, lunch and home time and if you walk or take the bus to school you can always do it with them so that you get some time before and after school. – Stella Year 7

Simple make new friends. When I say that I don't mean just abandon your old friends, because you can see them in some of your lessons (it's pretty unlikely) or you can see them at break and lunch. – Robert Year 7

I didn't have any friends in my form class but by the second day I had made so many new friends. – Chloe Year 7

I thought, and knew, that most of my friends were going to other schools, so I was worried about not making new friends, but I warmed up to them easily. – Lucas Year 8

When I first came to Woodbridge, I knew no one. I was so scared nobody would want to be my friend. In the first week I established 5 people in my form that I loved. I've also realised now that I'm older, that your form class is literally your family for the next 5 years. Look out for each other - it's so important. Me and my form argue with each other like brother and sister 24/7 but we also have each other's back no matter what! You also need to remember everybody is in the same position as you. Another thing I've learnt about friends is you discover new people. You have 300 kids in your year group. You're 100% going to find someone or a group of people you really enjoy being around. – Cora Year 9

'Is there lots of homework?'

some classes you will get a bit and others not so much but there will always be time for you to complete homework and if you can't do it at home you can visit the library and school before or after school or at break and lunch. the library has computers that you can use to complete your homework on. - Lucy Year 7 Homework isn't as draining as you may think - especially in year7. You'll get maybe one task to do following up the lesson you did in class. Right now, it feels like we're doing hours of homework a day due to distance learning so when you join homework will be a breeze for you. – Cora Year 9

You will get more over the school year but you have plenty of time to complete it and if you can't do it at home you can do it in the school library before and after school and also during lunch and breaktime. – Stella Year 7

There is a bit more than you would get at primary, however you have lots of time to get it done. You can do it at lunch, break, before and after school. You can go to the library if you would prefer to have some quiet. If you are struggling with it, you can ask your teacher for help again: lunch, break, before and after school. – Annabelle Year 7

'How will I know where my form room is?'

You are shown where to go when you meet your form tutor. – Olivia Year 7

On your first day you'll have assembly. Your head of year will tell you where your form class is. After the assembly your form tutor will take you to your class. If you get lost, in your planner there is a map of the school. You can also ask the older years for directions. – Sofia Year 7

You will have an assembly and at the end of it your form tutor will take you to it and it might be one of your classrooms for actual lessons. – Stella Year 7

'What do I need on the first day?'

The essentials in your pencil case, correct school uniform. – Sukhdev Year 7

My uniform, make sure I know my classroom, have my pencil case and my food. – Nour Year 7

Your bag, your pencil case, your school uniform and your brain! – Stella Year 7

Pencil case (with pencils and other essentials in it) uniform and confidence – Robert Year 7

'What if I get lost?'

All around the school are staff that are around to help, if you get lost you can always ask them where the room is and they will take you. If not, you are given a planner which has a map inside, that helps a lot too. – Olivia Year 7

There are staff outside and inside around the school and you can ask them where somewhere is and they will take you and you can look at the map in your planner. – Magdalena Year 7

I got lost in my first week a lot and you will not get in trouble at the start of the year if you are late to a lesson. Another way to try and not get lost is to stay with a group of people who are in your class and together you can figure out where your class is. – Lucy Year 7

I remember that feeling. It was scary. But I promise you, the older kids love helping you guys. The older kids can seem intimidating but they're not. If you're lost just ask them for help, they'll know where to go and they are happy to help! Another thing, for the first couple of weeks as you explore the school, teachers aren't harsh on lateness while you settle in. So, don't worry! – Cora Year 9

If you get lost at the start of year 7 you won't get told off. The older years can help you. There is also a map of the school on your planner so you can use that to guide you. In the planner there is a page for each building. Don't be afraid to ask for help finding your class. also, if you see any teachers on your way to your class you can ask them for help to. Don't worry about getting lost because there will always be someone to help you. – Sofia Year 7

If you are really worried about this you should talk to a trusted adult or friend, but from a first-hand experience I am sure you will get used to it very quickly. In your planner you have a map of the whole school and you should definitely ask for directions. – Sukhdev Year 7

You will get more time than the rest of the school, you won't get a detention on your first few weeks. Also, you get given a map and, on your timetable, depending on what lesson you have, it says the building, floor and classroom. There are only 3 buildings and they look very different from each other, so you can tell them apart. There are also other people that can help you. – Greta Year 7

You have enough time to get to your next class, there is a map in the front of your planner and you can make note of where your classroom is once you get there for the first time. – Stella Year 7

You can use a planner that you are given at the beginning of the year. You should also make a big friendship group so you won't get lost easily. There are also staff and colleagues you can ask. – Robert Year 7

What if I find the lessons too hard?

The teachers will ease you into lessons. What you learn in year 7 you may already know from year 6 so don't worry! If you think you need extra help just speak to your teacher or there are other support groups around the school that Ms Moore will tell you about when you get here. – Cora Year 9

You can always ask a teacher for help or join a club to help you. You can also study in the library during lunch, before school and after school. - Sofia Year 7

You could ask the teacher for help but if you do not feel comfortable doing this in front of your class you could always come back at break and ask the teacher then. - Sukhdev Year 7

You can ask the teacher to help, but I don't think it will be hard to the point it isn't possible. The work set will be to your level. - Greta Year 7

There are clubs for almost every subject and also a homework club which you can go to. You can ask one of your friends or someone in your class (there is always going to be someone good at the subject). Sometimes, if you ask the teacher, you can do the exercise with the class so you can understand it. You can also ask your teacher to explain the work to you or ask if you can work with someone who does understand the work. – Cecilia Year 7

You can always tell your teacher and they will help you with it. Also there are loads of afterschool clubs that you can go to. - Stella Year 7

Make sure you let your teachers know, if they don't know they can't help you! The earlier you let them know the longer they can help you until you understand what you need. – Zak Year 11

It's so big and there are so many students!

Although you only get 5 minutes, for the first few weeks you will get more time, and don't worry about detentions. On your timetable, it will tell you what building, what floor and what classroom to go in, you will get used to it quickly. – Greta Year 7

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The school looks really big but after a few weeks you will get to know the school and it won't be as hard to find your way around. Also, you won't have to go to every single class in the school. If you feel really stressed you can tell your head of year or form tutor and they will help you. – Lucy Year 7

Yes, school is big but you'll get used to it after the first two or three weeks. – Stella Year 7

I have to admit, I was very, VERY, overwhelmed at how many classes and buildings there was in the school, but I got over that quickly. – Lucas Year 8

This is one of the biggest differences. It'll be fine with a separate lunch time. The reservation of the back playground will keep you relatively sheltered from everyone but during lesson changes just be watchful and try avoid busy stairwells and places, especially when your rushing. Just take your time and if you're late just explain what happened. – Zak Year 11

What's the main difference between primary and secondary school?

The main difference is probably you have a timetable to follow and in Science, Maths and English you're with 30 different people from your side of the year. Unlike most schools Woodbridge only has sets in Maths

meaning you're in mixed ability groups for English and Science. For the rest of your lessons, you stay with your form group. – Cora Year 9

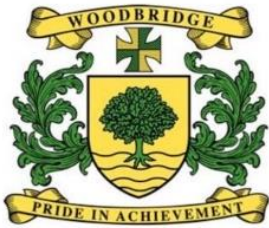
The main difference is that secondary is so big and there are so many people but that just means there are more people to make friends with 😊 – Willow Year 7

Primary = smaller with fewer people. Secondary = bigger with more people – Chloe Year 7

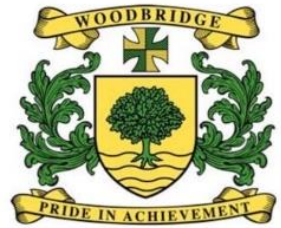
The main difference is the size and the teachers. In primary, you have the same class with the same teachers and the same people. In secondary, this all varies. Also, secondary is much bigger, which is good because you have more subjects (technology, drama, computing, life studies and many more) with teachers that are experts in their field. – Cecilia Year 7

The main difference for me was that you didn't have the same teacher for the lessons and you have to pack your bag for each day. Also, the food is way better than at primary school. Lucy – Year 7

There is a much wider range of subjects than primary, the food will be different and the size will be a big change but you will adapt and get used to it quicker than you think. There is nothing to worry about. – Zak Year 11



Anti-Bullying Charter



1. We ensure that Woodbridge is a place where all students feel safe and listened to.
2. We empower everyone to be themselves at Woodbridge by celebrating and valuing our differences.
3. We are all kind to each other and seek to include anyone who is feeling lonely or isolated.
4. We empower anyone who is experiencing bullying to speak out and believe them when they do.
5. We are upstanders, challenging any forms of bullying and reporting it straight away.
6. We show respect to anyone involved in bullying- including the person displaying bullying behaviour.

This charter is based on the individual pledges made by staff and students at Woodbridge High School.

Kindness

Tolerance

Respect

Excellence