

Dear Future Y7,

There are many differences between primary and secondary school. For example, you have a timetable to tell you what classes you have and when and where, new teachers, new people and different places around the school. Some things stay the same, such as having breaks and lunch, having assemblies, having a lot of the same subjects (Maths, English, Science etc.) and having a lot of students around you.

At Tottington High School, everyone must follow the rules. These are a list of expectations, such as having the correct uniform on, having the correct equipment with you, having your planner with you at all times, being kind and respectful to others around you etc. It is important you follow these when you come because it is mandatory so that you are ready and prepared for high school. If you fail to follow these rules you will get detentions, red points, etc. There is a point system in place to recognise not only bad behaviour but also rewards good behaviour and the effort that you put in whilst in school, for example for contributing in lesson, excellent work, smart uniform, these points get built up and are shown on Class Charts and once you accumulate up to 50 green points then you get a Bronze Award—it's brilliant to get these awards—it shows your efforts are all worth it!

There are many different opportunities at Tottington. For example, learning new skills, finding a new interest, learning a new instrument and to join after school clubs. Something I would get involved in would be an extracurricular club for dance. There are many other extracurricular clubs such as Drama club, football and gymnastics club. They are just a few examples of the interesting and fun clubs you could get involved in, but there are lots more that you could do!

On your first day of at Tottington you will meet your new form teacher and fellow students, you will find out your timetable and have your first assembly. The day consists of spending some time in form, where you will be given important information e.g., your planner. After some time, you will go to the classroom for your first lesson and so your journey begins. It is helpful because being in the form for the morning helps to settle you in, calm your nerves and gives you the chance to ask any questions you might have.

I hope you have found this letter helpful! One final tip I would give you is always ask for help if you need it.