

Hello!

At the start of September, you will be going into secondary school at AGGS. It is ok to be feeling scared or nervous as I was too when I first joined this school but I soon found that excitement overtook the nervousness and swept it away. AGGS is a wonderful school and our community is very happy to have you join us.

You will be sorted into forms which all start with 7, for example: 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 etc. You will stay in these forms until we get to the A-Levels and then you must take the test to become a Sixth-Former. Each form has 30 people and a form tutor. You may not be with all of the people from your primary school that you know but the whole point of splitting you up is to make new friends. Don't worry if you don't make any right away; as you will still be with one or two people you know. Also, all of the form tutors are extremely nice and you can go to them for help whenever you need to.

On your first day of school, try to stick with your form as you will not know the school very well and might get lost. In case this does happen; you can ask a passing teacher or student where a certain classroom is. Be careful when crossing the road though. They will be more than willing to help you out and take you back to your form and your subject classroom. You will have a different classroom and teacher for each subject (in most cases anyways).

We have a schedule that is different for each form. There are five periods, which means you have five subject/ lessons a day. Each lesson is 1 hour long. Your day starts with locker time at 8:30. You have ten minutes to use your locker then head to form time at 8:40. You will have form time and registration there before heading to your first class at 9:05. At 10:05 (or earlier) you will head to your next class for another hour. At around eleven, you will have rec (which is break). It will continue to around 11:25 and when the bell rings, you are required to go to your next class and wait outside until the teacher lets you in. At 12:30, we have lunch for an hour. You are not permitted to go over to Breeze Hill/ Fairlea until 1:15. At lunch, you are required to put your bag in your locker unless you have a packed lunch. If any bags are found in the hallways or anywhere that is not permitted, they will be confiscated. At 1:30, your next lesson will await you and then at 2:30 will be the last lesson of the day. School finishes at 3:30, which is the same as primary schools, and you can go home.

We have a two-week Rota that tells you what day it is and what classes you will have. Ten days is the length of the Rota. You are allowed to go to the toilet at rec and lunch but not during lessons. If you are late, you will get a mark; it is the same with missing equipment or you have forgotten to bring something. Your teacher will give you a detention if you get too many marks.

Make sure to keep all of your books and homework diary safe, as they will be extremely important throughout the entire of year 7. On the other hand, if you have done exceedingly well on something, we have something called merits. The form with the most merits at the end of the year gets a surprise (usually).

There will also be amazing chances to go on trips and residentials, which are always, super fun and most of them are quite educating too. We are all looking forwards to your arrival so have fun here and work hard. Impress your teachers and friends.

Good luck! Mingxuan Li.