



Atterincham Grammar School for Girls

What we love.....



There are lots of great teachers- some funny, some with a strong sense of sarcasm, but all kind, friendly and caring.



Some lovely buildings- Fairlie and Breeze Hill are our favourites!



THE LIBRARY!!! (It has a spiral staircase.....)



Strong school values rooted in the motto: “Fortiter, Fideliter, Feliciter”- “Bravely, Faithfully, Cheerfully”. There’s a song, as well.

What we love....

- Feeling trusted- we're allowed phones in school and can use them at lunch and Rec (what we call break)
- Having independence- allowed to walk between sites and cross the road
- Not having to wear a tie....
- The diversity within the school and curriculum- you can take French, German or Spanish
- Strong sense of community, especially in the annual panto!!





Moving to y7



It's time for a new adventure....

Our Fears....

- “I was a bit scared that I might not fit in/make lots of good friends straightaway as I was the only one from my primary school (and from a completely different town!) and lots seemed to know each other- but it was easy to overcome just by **chatting to people** and finding common interests- it honestly didn’t matter much whether people had known each other from primary school.” Felicity, first year at uni.
- “I was terrified of getting lost- some schools are split on 3 sites- it looks massive at first, but you’ll stop getting lost very quickly- **teachers, Y13s, other students are all there to help** and soon it’ll feel as small as your primary school does. Ellie, Y13.
- “I felt scared about Sports Clubs, loads of people had played before and I hadn’t- but there’s still time to improve, I made it on to the team and had so much fun! Also: join the orchestra!”
- Ella, Y12.

Top Tips from Secondary School Students!

Trust us- we've been there.

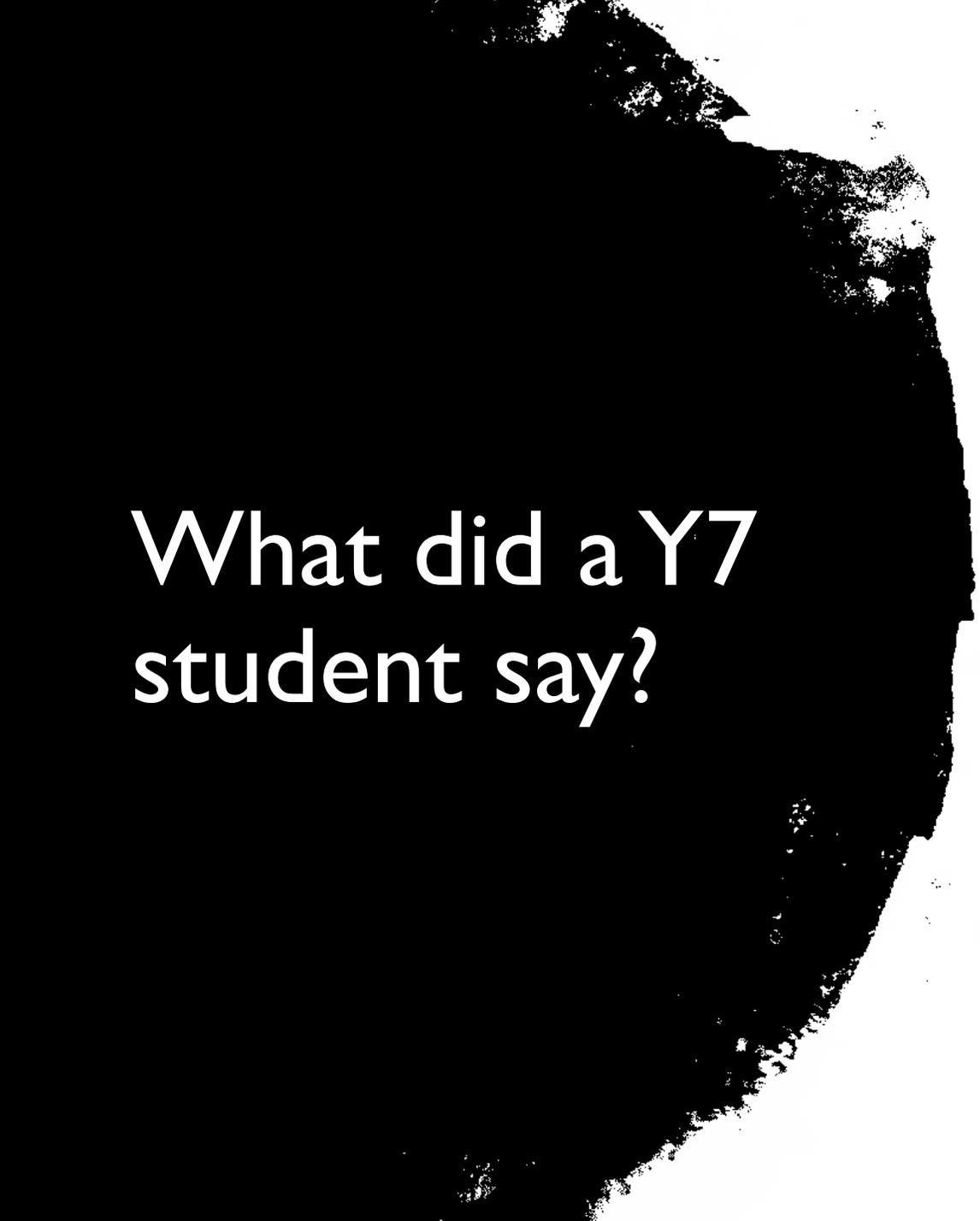
- **Scan or photograph the printed copy of your timetable** as soon as you get it – it may rip and you don't want to lose it! It's always useful to keep a paper copy in your pocket - easier than pulling out your planner every time you don't know where to go

- Don't worry about getting lost and don't be afraid to ask an older student where a room is! **The teachers are very gentle** in the first couple of weeks because they know it's difficult to find your bearings.



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- “Other students being older than you doesn’t mean that they’re necessarily scarier”
- “If your school is on different sites, like AGGS, walk to different sites with other people to try and reduce the chance of getting lost, or at least feel some comfort! (If you’re walking to the Devisdale: GO WITH PEOPLE!!)”
- “Easier said than done, but try not to worry too much- it may feel like a big change but everyone is in the same boat in a totally new place, and it will start to feel like home pretty soon!”



What did a Y7 student say?

“If I were to give any bits of advice to the new Y7s, it would probably be to try not to stress and if things feel like they are too overwhelming then just take a step back and have a break.

Yes, things can be stressful and it can feel like your brain has just fizzed out from too much going on at once but one of the things I like to think about is why the human species has ‘conquered the world’. It is because of our extreme ability to adapt to new environments and situations, which is a vital skill that all of us possess and can utilise in many different situations. Humans expanded from Africa many thousands of years ago and now they are the dominant species on Earth, with limitless possibilities in our future.”

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“On a less serious note, I would also highly recommend that everyone joins at least 1 or 2 lunchtime clubs about their interests! I was hesitant at first but once you join it really makes it easier to build friendships because they will share a common interest with you. Joining 2nd orchestra has given me the opportunity to participate in with the school concerts which were both a remarkable experience and is so fulfilling to work towards a group goal and perform in front of others. Some of my favourite memories from the year have just been my friends and I going to clubs together.

Everyone I’ve met at AGGS has been so encouraging and friendly and I hope that the new Y7s will have a similar experience to that.”

So....

Enjoy the ride, be YOURSELF, know that all these changes and safety precautions are temporary and for your benefit, and this too shall pass.

I wish you the best; an enriching education, many happy memories, and everlasting friendships.

Kimi- a fellow Alty girl.