



# Samuel Ryder Academy

## Education for a changing world

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Dear New Year 7's

Welcome to SRA I hope you will have a great year. I am sure you will have many emotions; you might be excited or scared, but I can say there is nothing to worry about.

At Samuel Ryder there are lots of new and exciting opportunities including taking part in house events, making new friends and trying out new clubs. Throughout the years, there will be a mix of trips to choose from, some could be travelling to another country or even joining a sports team tour.

Making friends might seem like a daunting process, but not only can you make friends with people in your form but also the people in your different classes. You get to learn new subjects including food-tech, languages and drama, as well as the core subjects you learn at primary school.

You might be thinking: what will the teachers be like at SRA? I can tell you that many teachers are thoughtful and are willing to help with any concerns, including homework. Some teachers might seem strict, but that's because they are trying to get the best effort and work out of you. I can also say the teachers are very friendly.

At lunch you can hang out with your friends, go to the canteen to eat or join a club. Clubs are on before school, at lunch time and after school, and there are many clubs to choose from. For those who love sports, there's a football club (which I have joined), rugby club, netball club and many others. There are also more creative clubs like, music clubs, such as choir and orchestra, drama club and craft club.

When I joined Samuel Ryder, I was worried about the amount of homework compared to what I had in my primary, but I have realised that if you are organised and make good use of your time it's easier to complete. To help you with this, there is a homework club that takes place Monday to Thursday in the library, where teachers are on hand to answer any questions you might have. Don't be afraid to email or see your teacher during break asking for help.

Hopefully, this letter has reassured you that secondary school isn't as scary as it might sound.

Good luck! I look forward to meeting you in September.

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