



Samuel Ryder Academy

Education for a changing world

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Hello New Year 7

The prospect of arriving in a new big school may seem daunting, but don't worry. Over time, you get more used to it until you master your timetable and equipment.

I have enjoyed meeting new people and learning new facts. My favourite thing has been lunch. The food is amazing and playing football outside is fun. You're allowed to bring your own ball in! I also love the freedom we get and how fun and practical each lesson is.

My favourite lesson has been PE, because every lesson we are trying something new and outside exercising. I love the way we learn by practising in game situations. Unlike primary, you get to choose your group (most of the time!) and you can always trust the teachers to make it fun.

If you are worried about making friends, don't! I am sure out of the 210 students many of them will be kind and approachable. If you have any worries, you could always talk to your form tutor and I'm sure they could help you adapt to a new different school. Another common worry is regarding teachers and how strict they are. Out of my 20 teachers only 2 of them have been strict. However, teachers may have the need to raise their voice if your class becomes too loud or distracting. They only want you to learn.

The best aspect of Samuel Ryder is the people. Everyone is kind and friendly. If you make the right friends, your first year will pass with a breeze, as I'm sure your teachers will help with every step of the way. The staff members are also exceedingly helpful, so if you need to talk, any staff member will willingly give you advice.

When I first joined, I wondered what I would do at lunch and break. Well, you will be allowed on the field or a tarmac court and you will be free to chat, play football or do a club. Clubs available include debating, science, basketball, football, rugby, cricket, rounders, swimming, gymnastics and more. At lunch, you will queue up and select your food, before scanning your thumbprint to pay for your food. Personally, I have done football, basketball and cricket.

Trips that year 7 would normally go on would be PGL and the end of year trip, in my case we would have gone to Whipsnade Zoo. Of course, because of the virus, my year haven't gone on any trips, but I hope that it has cleared up by the time you would go on them.

To conclude, I am certain you will enjoy your years at SRA and it will bring many special moments and new opportunities. To begin with, you won't get set much homework, and as long as you follow all the rules, use common sense and be confident, school will become better.

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