

Dear
Year 6 Student

Congratulations on your place in our lovely school, Mortimer! My name is Harry and I am a current Year 7.

Before joining Mortimer Community College, I was a pupil at Mortimer Primary School. This letter will include tips and advice for the year ahead.

Before I settled in here, I was very nervous. My Head of Year was (and still is) there whenever I need her assistance or to talk. You may feel nervous or worried, but I assure you, there is nothing to worry about. On the other hand, you could be excited, and I don't blame you. It's a great journey and a huge opportunity.

If you notice differences, it's because there are many. I'll explain a couple. You have a timetable, this shows your daily lessons over weeks A and B – they alternate each week. That is one of the hardest things to adjust to, so don't be afraid to ask for help, every person/staff will try to help. Never be worried about homework or detentions, you get warnings and a fair chance. Most things are easily adjusted to and can be useful.

The school will have a few similarities as well. To name a few: uniform, dinners, respect and hopefully friends.

My favourite things are: drama lessons, Spanish Club and Debate Club. They are fun and you get time with friends and to meet new people.

I have a few tips to share as a current Year 7, here they are:

- 1 Be yourself.
- 2 Respect all members of staff and students.
- 3 Standards and homework are important – remember them and don't worry, just try your very best.

We want you to enjoy Mortimer and settle in well.

Best of luck.

Harry



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Dear Year 6 Student

My name is Annie and I attend Mortimer Community College. I used to go to Hadrian Primary School, but I transitioned to Mortimer in September 2021 and I'm having a great time.

To be honest, secondary school is relatively similar to primary school. You still get break and lunch every day. But, lunch is only thirty minutes instead of an hour. It doesn't really matter though because school finishes half an hour early.

There's still a uniform you have to wear and rules you have to follow. The only big differences are moving around the school, having a new teacher for each subject and lots of new exciting clubs.

At Mortimer Community College there are lots of new and fun opportunities. There are spectacular clubs such as rock climbing, football, rugby, trampolining, technogym and many more. As well as all of the sport clubs, there are others: debate club, LGBTQ club and book club are just a few.

When you join Mortimer in September, don't be worried about the older kids. They're like 'big friendly giants' who are always happy to help. Focus on learning your way around the school so that you don't get lost, but if you do teachers are always happy to help.

I hope I've made you feel better about joining the marvellous Mortimer Community College.

Yours faithfully

Annie



Dear
Year 6 Student

My name is Dylan and before I went to Mortimer Community College, I went to Laygate Primary School. I am twelve years old and currently in Year 7 in 7DD. Welcome to Mortimer Community College.

Before secondary school, I was really nervous and upset because it was going to be a massive change and I was leaving my old school and some of my friendship groups. However, I was also super excited and joyful to finally become a Year 7. When I first arrived, I kept positive and happy and I settled in perfectly. My biggest fear was getting lost and being late to lessons, but there were lots of teachers and students who helped me along the way. I was still a tiny bit nervous, but I found out that there were lots of similarities.

Lots of my best friends from primary also went to Mortimer with me and on the first day. We all walked to school together and I felt brilliant. I was relieved when I found out that we had the same subjects and we still had breaktimes and lunchtimes. Also, my new teachers are still as kind and supportive as my primary teachers. In addition, Mortimer ends at the same time as my primary which was another huge relief for me. There are also lots of positive differences about secondary school.

At Mortimer Community College, you get treated like an adult and you get lots of freedom which feels great. There are some new subjects that I enjoy. We have lots of different classrooms and teachers which is super because you get to see different faces and classrooms instead of staying in just one room. I was really excited about making new friends because everyone is really nice and friendly. The work is a bit harder, but if you stay focused you will be okay.

In addition, there are lots of fun and exciting events and clubs you can get involved in. There are countless PE clubs like football, basketball and trampolining. You can also enjoy things like student voice. Also, there are lots of fun trips that happen in Mortimer. One time, we had a trip to a pantomime and we got to watch Rapunzel for a whole day! It was really great and amusing.

Finally, I have three top tips that can help you when you first join Mortimer. Always respect your new teachers and peers. Be organised and prepared for anything. Most importantly, be your happy, friendly self and you will settle in just fine.

I hope you enjoy Mortimer Community College as much as I do.

Good luck!

From Dylan



Dear Year 6 Student

Hi, my name is Mollie and I am 12 years old, 13 in September. I go to Mortimer Community College and in my opinion, it is the best school ever! I used to go to Westoe Crown Primary and I didn't realise that is so like Mortimer. There is so much to see and do.

Before coming to Mortimer, I felt worried and nervous, but excited all at the same time. There are a lot of similarities like the lessons, the teachers and it feels nice to be older and have respect from teachers.

On the very first day I thought we had normal lessons and I would get lost trying to get to them. To my surprise though we actually had a tour around the school and played games. I met my best friend while playing the games and we are still best friends now! Don't be scared of teachers at all, they are lovely.

Later that day, I felt a lot better as I did have someone to sit with and it felt enjoyable to have someone to talk with. Don't be scared to make friends and go up to people. Lunch was good, especially having my best friend with me. It was hard at first, but going out on the yard chatting with others was really nice.

One of the many great things about Mortimer is the afterschool clubs. On a Thursday after school we have a dance club and, of course, I jumped at the chance of joining it. We are now doing a huge production of Matilda. I hope that when you join you will have a tremendous time like I have.

Yours faithfully

Mollie



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