



Mortimer

Mortimer's Letters

to Year 6,
from Year 7, 2026.

Dear Year 6 Students,



Hello, my name is Zak. Before I went to Mortimer Community College I went to Stanhope Primary School. I am 11 years old and I am currently in Year 7.

Don't be worried to join, it is a bit bigger than primary but it isn't as scary - it is actually fun. I recommend clubs; there are a variety of them. My personal favourite is football; it is thrilling. Most students who were joining were afraid of the work, but it isn't hard; it is actually quite easy.

School gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:50am. First lesson starts at 8:50am and each lesson lasts for 1 hour. Break is 20 minutes and lunch is 30 minutes. There is a lot of fun and excitement.

At lunchtime there is a variety of food – Pasta King, paninis and more. Transition day is so fun in my opinion – Mortimer is the best school ever made! Make sure you do your homework on time.

Top 3 tips for Year 6 students:

- Make sure your uniform is correct.
- Make sure you do your work on time.
- Make sure you try your best and have a brilliant attitude towards learning and work.

Enjoy joining and have fun!

Yours sincerely,

Zak



Dear Year 6 Students,



My name is Chloe and before I came to Mortimer Community College I went to Mortimer Primary School. I am currently in Year Seven and I am 12 years old. I am in form 7LH.

Before I joined MCC I was worried about the change and I don't doubt you are too. When I started, I didn't have many people from my primary school in my form. Then two girls came up to me (Lily and Miya) and we are now best friends, so don't be afraid to ask someone to be friends.

Don't let your thoughts scare you because, when you think about it, secondary isn't much different to primary - but it does have different aspects. First of all, there are more subjects like Cookery and Spanish. Another difference is you have to change classes every hour. Finally, there are 30+ clubs and sports you can do after school including: Drama, Football and Science Club.

My favourite thing about our school is you can use your phone at break and lunch and you can bring your own food in. We can also win so many different prizes for attendance and joining in on activities - some of the prizes include Primark and Amazon vouchers.

Some of my top tips are: returning homework on time and checking ClassCharts for any announcements and for your timetable. At first, it is overwhelming, but you will eventually enjoy our school. You will fit in. You belong here!

Yours faithfully,

Chloe



Dear Year 6 Students,



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My name is Imogen and I went to Ashley Academy. Now that I have been at Mortimer Community College for months, I hope I can be of some help to clear any nerves or negative thoughts, whilst also making you eager and aware of how nice Mortimer really is!

Before starting secondary school, I was nervous and worried to come to Mortimer. I was scared lessons would be too hard, or teachers would be too strict. Also, that I'd get lost in such a large school. However, all that panicking and anxiety was for nothing because Mortimer is very inclusive and does their best to help and support you. Don't worry, it is still normal to feel scared.

In general, Mortimer isn't too different from primary; there may be some changes like having to walk to different classes, but none to be frightened of. Actually, I still have lots of friends from primary but have made loads of new ones. Also, the lessons are nowhere near as tricky as people have described, and if you're sporty there is still a sports day! My favourite new thing is your form gets a Greggs party if they have the best attendance!

There are also lots of new club options and fun events! I don't go to any clubs at the moment, but I have heard that Badminton Club is quite fun as my friend keeps asking me to join her! Another club is Film Club where you get to watch movies. Also, if you love going on trips there are opportunities to go on trips out of this country, for example, you could go on a ski trip with school or if you pick Spanish GCSEs you get to go to Spain!

Personally, I thought Mortimer was going to be a lot harder and easier to get lost. In my opinion secondary school isn't that hard, especially Mortimer!

Some of my tips which will hopefully help you are:

Learn how to understand the room numbers (it makes finding your classes easier).

Focus and try your best in lessons so you understand the work.

Try making new friends but don't leave your old ones completely.

Yours faithfully,

Imogen



Dear Year 6 Students,



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My name is Miya and I went to Lord Blyton Primary School. Now that I am at Mortimer Community College, I hope I can get rid of any nerves and give you some good advice about joining us in September!

Before I started at Mortimer Community College, I was very nervous and overwhelmed. I was worried that it would be big and I would get lost or that I wouldn't have any friends and have to find my way to class by myself. Don't worry if you feel that way too, you will be fine and find new friends!

Mortimer isn't that different to primary school. I still have lots of my friends from primary and I've made lots of new friends too. The lessons are mostly the same and not as hard as you think they are. Trust me! There are also lots of different lessons and still lots of activities. My favourite new thing is the delicious school dinners; there is so much to choose from and I love Fridays; Fridays they have fast food Friday!

There are some things that are different. If you have 100% attendance you get to have a Greggs party with your form class at breaktime. I've had it twice so far and it was delicious - definitely worth being at school every day! You can also win other prizes for sports competitions or your attendance. You can win Amazon gift cards, headphones etc. Mortimer Community College offers a lot more sports events than primary school does. You also have a lot more independence and freedom and have a couple of different lessons like Drama, Music, Technology, Spanish, Form and Computing.

Mortimer Community College has some exciting sports and events. We have a drop-down day where you don't follow the timetable and have a sports day all day, or go on a school trip - sometimes international trips outside of the country. If you are part of South Shields Football Academy you can join the Mortimer South Shields Football Academy too. We also put on a lot of sports clubs after school like trampolining, football, NFL, darts, homework club in the library, space club and gardening club.

My top 3 tips for new Mortimer students are: once you know your way around the school and understand the room numbers it's easy to find your way around. You should also do your homework as soon as you get it so it's done and out of the way. My last top tip is to make new friends as soon as you come so you're not lonely and not relying on your primary school friends if they go to Mortimer Community College too!

I hope this letter has made you feel less nervous and ready to start secondary. Here at Mortimer Community College we are supportive and excited to see you here at Mortimer in September! Good luck!

Yours faithfully,

Miya



Dear Year 6 Students,



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Hi, my name is Lovelle, I'm 12 years old and I used to go to Mortimer Primary School. I am in 7MH at Mortimer Community College.

I understand how you may be feeling. You might be a bit nervous, stressed or excited - which is great! But, if you're stressed about anything, don't be! Our school is very supportive! There is help everywhere and if you're scared about homework, I was too, but don't be because if you're organised and relaxed you will be fine.

I remember being excited and nervous all mixed together to move into comp because of the after school clubs and the homework, as well as the Year 11s, but they are alright - they may look a bit scary compared to you, but you will be fine.

Secondly, at Mortimer, there are many new things to try including: basketball, netball, rugby, rock climbing, drama club, film club, cricket, rounders and softball in the summer, which I'm definitely going to do. I already do rugby and netball and it's really fun! There are lots of sports trips you can go on with other people for the day.

Since starting Mortimer, I have enjoyed PE, cooking, drama and actually RE, which I don't normally like, but it is more interesting in comp than primary.

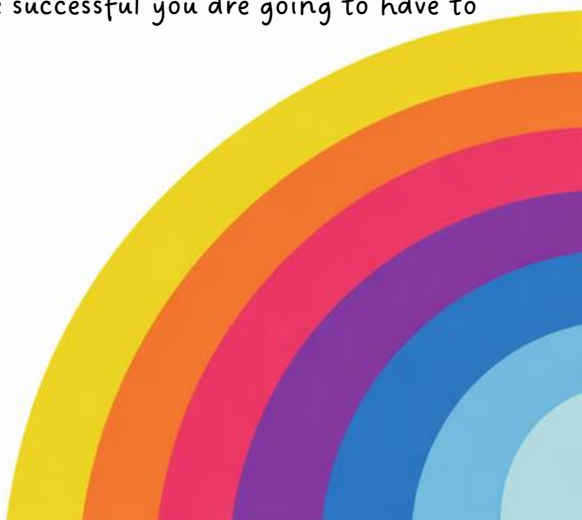
Compared to primary school you get a bit more homework and if you haven't brought it in on time certain teachers give you one more day, but others might give you a detention, so be careful! Compared to primary, Year 7 lunch is at 1:00pm and you finish earlier as well. You do drama and cooking as an actual class which is really fun. There are a lot more school trips to go on than primary!

Finally, I want you to know that comp at Mortimer is really exciting and there is nothing to worry about. My top tips are:

- Don't change who you are for someone else - you will make loads of friends by being yourself.
- If there is an opportunity, take it.
- Listen and take things in because if you want to be successful you are going to have to work for it!

Yours faithfully,

Lovelle



Dear Year 6 Students,



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Hi! Starting Mortimer is a big change! Let me reassure you it will all be OK! My name is Annabelle and I came from Westoe Crown Primary School and I am now in Form 71R (Miss Robertson).

This time last year I was in your shoes! Worrying, stressing, I know the feeling - but once you start, everything is OK. In September, my biggest worry was transition between lessons, but all was fine! At the beginning of the year, you are given a paper timetable with week A and B rotas but if you lose it you also have your ClassCharts online timetable. Finding rooms is tricky as there are three floors plus the extension, but students and teachers will navigate you;-we get lost sometimes too!

ClassCharts is Mortimer's online learning platform. This app consists of behaviour points (hopefully positive!), school announcements, homework and detentions which you won't be getting if you keep an open mind and a positive attitude!

My top tips are:

- Don't get detentions!
- Homework - keep on top of it! There may be a slight amount more but not much! Mortimer's homework platform is called Sparx.
- Organisation is another big tip from me, so pack your bag the night before and sort your uniform.

Some similarities are: homework, uniform, break, lunch (paninis are my favourite) and all your usual lessons with the extras: cooking, woodwork and Spanish.

I hope you're ecstatic about joining Mortimer. Can't wait to meet you all in July on transition days!

Good luck with your SATs. Trust me, they're easy!

See you soon,

Annabelle

