



SHIRE OAK ACADEMY
TURNING POTENTIAL INTO EXCELLENCE

Your questions answered...
By our Shire Oak
Virtual Buddies



Pupil Questions Q&A

Three Year Six queries answered by me: Kian Kirwin 7BU --->



Will I make friends?

Of course you will! Whether you have come to Shire Oak with your entire primary school class or on your own, you will always make new friends when you are here. Secondary school is giant compared to primary, so there will always be a person with common interests to make friends with. The most important thing to do which will guarantee new friends and make the experience even better is to be yourself! When I first arrived I had no intentions on making friends as I thought I wouldn't make any: It turns out, I did! Lots!

How much homework will I get?

When you come to Shire Oak, the amount of homework you get may seem a bit intimidating because it's more than you are used to at primary. The best thing to do is get it all out of the way as soon as you get it so you don't have to worry about it stacking up on the weekends. Being organised is a bit part of becoming more independent as you move into secondary school. Other stuff includes: reading and making sure you are recording your pages, making sure that you have got all you need for the day, and being on time for your lessons

Is the school work hard?

Like homework, the school work is a bit trickier, but as long as you put your mind to it and try really hard you will no doubt be able to do it. Focus hard, work hard and it will be much easier. Also, if there are any problems, don't be afraid to ask even if you feel it may be silly: it's better to ask a silly question and everyone have a little giggle than to not ask and get a question wrong. Another tip, when you get home, if you still don't understand things, revise the topic. It helps alot.

SOA Q&A

The following questions have been answered by Amy Staples (Year 10)

What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring your timetable, your planner (you get these on your first day), a pencil, a pen, a ruler and i would suggest some highlighters and maybe a glue stick. You also need to bring your PE kit on the days allocated that you have PE.

What happens if I don't follow the shire oak rules?

It is most likely that you will get told off by a teacher and get a verbal warning and if you continue to do so then you will get a detention! However, you will probably want to avoid this.

How do you avoid detentions?

Try to stick to the school uniform policy, do your homework/ work when asked too, do not answer back , do not get into fights and try to be the best version of yourself that you can!

This is me.



SOA Q&A

Answered by Elliot Wollaston 7BU

How will I find my way around?

Finding your way around is much easier than you probably imagine. When you first start out you are given a timetable with all your lessons on and the room and building they are in. If you were to lose or forget your timetable, you can always get a new one. Staff are always around and are happy to point you in the right direction!

Are there any after school clubs and opportunities for extra responsibilities?

There are lots of after school clubs and activities to try out. Such as sports clubs, music clubs, a photography club, a maths club and even a homework club and much more. There are extra curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme that you can start in year 9. I guarantee there is a club for you , so have a go!



SOA Q&A

Answered by Elliot Wollaston 7BU

Do I stay in one classroom like primary school?

You do not stay in one classroom like primary school. Depending on your class, a subject such as math will be in the same room every time, unless you move up or down a set, but every different subject is in its own room, for example English is not in the same room as History.

Q. Will I be in the same sets as my friends?

A. Not necessarily. You may be put in the same form as your friends but sets are decided on your ability. It doesn't matter if you aren't with your friends as you will soon make new ones.

Q. Do I stay in one classroom like primary school?

A. No. You move around the school depending on which lesson you have that day. During one day, you may spend lessons in the three different buildings at Shire Oak.

Q. What after school activities are there?

A. There are lots of activities for you to get involved with. Whatever your interests are - sport, art, music, performing art - there is something for everyone!

SOA Q&A

By Georgia Archer