

### Letter 3 from Freya

Dear Y6'S,

Hello my name is Freya and I am one of your Transition Mentors. I came from Wistaston Church Lane Academy last year. I am very excited to meet you all in September. I know you all have lots of questions and I hope I will have answered some of them by the end of this letter.

Joining high school is a little scary but there will be lots of us mentors around to make sure you find your way around the school. We mentors were all Y6'S last year and know what it feels like to join high school. Shavington Academy is a lovely school, the teachers are very kind and will help you with any worries you may have. On the first day you will be given a welcome pack, it will have a map and other useful things in it. Throughout the day the transition mentors will show you from class to class and to lunch and this will happen for a few days so that you get to know your way around the building and get used to everything. The transition mentors are all really friendly and will chat to you about how you are getting on so please talk to us if you have any questions or worries. We will help you find your way around and it does not take too long to get used to where your classrooms are. I was really worried about getting lost before I started but I quickly learnt my way around and the mentors were really helpful.

The work is different at high school. I like the fact that you have different teachers for each subject. Homework is set online through an app so you can always see what you need to do. For the first half term you do not get as much homework and you are given a longer time to complete it.

There are lots of fun clubs to get involved in. Some are after school and some are at lunch time. There is: netball, basketball, football, food and gardening, film club, choir, band and lots more. These clubs are a fun way to meet people and to have a good time. If you enjoy sport, then there is opportunity to play for the school in competitions. If you play a musical instrument you can carry on with your lessons at high school and maybe even join the band. Some of the clubs are just for Year 7's so you can get to know your classmates better and learn a new skill. This year I have joined the food and gardening club. It has been just for Year 7's and it is so much fun, we have been growing our own food and then using it to cook with. We have made some delicious things.

Top tips for getting ready for high school – make sure you have more than 1 pen and pencil in your pencil case in case your pen runs out. You will need highlighters and it is a good idea to have your own glue stick in your bag too. An umbrella in your bag is a good idea for when walking home in the rain.

The school dinners are tasty and there is always a lot of choice and you can get snacks at playtime and before school in the morning.

I hope this letter helps you feel more confident about coming to high school. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Freya

Transition mentor