

Letter 4 from Rachel

Dear Year Sixes,

Here at Shavington Academy, we are all really excited to meet and welcome you to our school in September.

When you arrive, our friendly teachers and student transition mentors will greet you. We will help you through your first few weeks at Shavington Academy. My experience of last year's mentors was really valuable as they could answer all my questions and were so kind and helpful. We will give the same experience to you. We are thoughtful, caring and sensible, and will reassure you that any initial worries, such as getting lost or not making friends are normal, and will pass. We will always be eager to help and answer your questions truthfully, and will always want to make sure you feel welcome and included.

Starting secondary school is an exciting time and you must remember that even if you are worried about anything, you must focus on what you are excited about. Making new friends, starting new subjects with new teachers and having a fresh start are all things to be excited about. Just remember, you only get this opportunity once so make the most of it.

When I started at Shavington Academy, I was worried about getting lost. This was soon resolved, as the transition mentors were there to help us, and on our first day we did a scavenger hunt to find our way around the school. Also, we were given a map, so if I did get lost, I could just look on the map to find my way. I also worried about getting the bus to and from school, as I had never had to do this before. I didn't have to worry as there were friends of mine at the bus stop and I soon made some new friends for the journey.

Below are my Top 5 Tips on preparing for Shavington Academy:

- 1) **Equipment-** Check on the school website for what equipment you need to have with you including a well-stocked pencil case, and calculator.
- 2) **Uniform-** Check the uniform requirements, and make sure you have it all well labelled.
- 3) **Transport-** Work out how you are going to get to school and whether you need to apply for a bus pass.
- 4) **Food-** Decide what you're having for lunch each day, a packed lunch or hot school meal, and make sure your parents keep Parent pay topped up.
- 5) **Getting ready-** Try to pack your bag and get your uniform out the night before, so that you do not need to rush around finding things in the morning.

A common worry when starting secondary school is how difficult the work is going to be and the amount of homework. This should not be a worry, as at Shavington Academy the teachers are very supportive and give us two weeks to complete each piece of homework.

We can't wait to meet you,

Rachel

I went to Wybunbury Delves