

Frequently Asked Questions

These are the most frequently asked questions by pupils before they arrive. To ensure you get an honest and clear answer we have asked two of our current year 7 students, Bethany Radford and Harry Whitman, to answer them for you.

Do we have lockers?

We don't have lockers, you bring your bags around with you.

You will see lockers in PE however, in between the boys changing rooms and the community office, but these are for community use rather than school use

Are we allowed to use the toilet during lessons?

If you have a toilet pass (you need permission from your head of year) you are allowed to, if not you aren't. The year 6's who are moving up into year 7, will need to be organised and go to the toilet at break times and lunchtimes.

Are we allowed to use our phones during the school day?

No, you can only use them after or before you arrive at school. They must be switched off and in your bag if you choose to bring them to school. This is taken seriously.

Do we get detention for bad behaviour?

You only get a detention if you receive a C2 in a lesson, which is part of the behaviour system. The first time a student behaves badly and a teacher catches them, they will be given a warning. If it happens again with that same student, they then get what's called a C1 (which is one negative point). If it happens for a third time, that student will receive a C2, which is the detention. If some really, really bad behaviour gets noticed by a teacher, that student who did the bad behaviour could get a C3 which is isolation for a whole school day.

Do we get rewards for positive behaviour?

You do get positive points and in your assembly each week you could win a prize. You can earn R1's, R2's and if you do something really good R3's.

R1 is worth 1 positive point, R2 is worth 2 positive points and R3 is worth 5 positive points. Sometimes, you could even get a postcard sent to your house telling your parents about your good behaviour.

Is there a homework club?

Yes there is - afterschool in the library - a teacher will be in there to support you- but not to complete the work for you!

When is the library open?

It is open every day during school hours and it closes at 4:15pm.

Will I get a Chantry Academy email address?

You don't get one until Year 11 when you are about to start your GCSE's.

Are there any after-school clubs?

Yes there is, if you speak to a teacher they can tell you what clubs are and what days they are on, everyone is welcome. They go on till 4.15pm.

How much homework will we get?

It felt like I had a lot of homework in the first term after that I felt it was an average amount. You get used to organising your time.

The amount of homework that you will get can range from 1 or 2 pieces of homework a day to 1 bit of homework a week. It depends on the subject and it also depends on what you are learning.

Advice and Top Tips

To give you a little further insight into how it felt to start at Chantry we have asked some of our current year 7 students to give you some advice and some top tips! We hope it reassures you that the transition to high school will be a positive one.

Bethany Radford Year 7

Bethany's Advice

When I was joining Chantry Academy, I was really nervous, after the first day I got into a routine and it felt normal. There was also lots of people to help me if I was nervous (other students, teachers, your form tutor or your head of year).

The thing I was most concerned about was if I was going to struggle with my work; it was fine though, I got lots of support and the work was fun and enjoyable too.

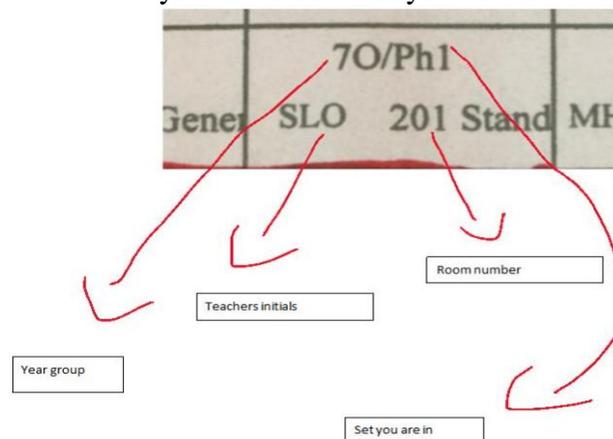
Beth's top tips

1. Always check Show my homework as there will be tasks for you to complete
2. Don't panic, there will always be someone to help and guide you with work or around the school
3. Try and get interactive in school and the clubs that the school provides so you can meet new people and grow your confidence.

Just remember, there is always someone to help you.

Laila Collins Year 7

On the induction day, when I saw the whole building, I was so worried and scared that I would be lost and late for my lesson. When I got my timetable, it was gobalty goop at first, but then I realised that there are numbers on each lesson on your timetable. As you can see in the picture below:



As soon as I knew that I felt really confident. I knew a few year 6's that were coming into year 7 and they had to be split up with some of their closest friends to go to different schools. Luckily for me, I had Beth and Amber (my best friends) and most of my class coming to Chantry, I felt that I was going to be okay as I had people that I was close to and that I didn't need to worry about losing them through going to different schools. Even though I had Amber and Beth, I have met lots of new people and they have become closer to me too. So if you are coming up without your friends try not to worry- you are going to make loads of new friends. 😊

Charlie Davey Year 7

Charlie's Top Tips

1. The Teachers are amazing and supportive.
2. Your pastoral manger Mrs Morgan will be there for you when you are worrying about something or you just want to talk in private.
3. The teachers will help you if you are lost and are unsure of where to go. Please Ask!
4. You will support each other if you are up and down.
5. Try to complete your homework on time.
6. Always ask the teacher when you are stuck with homework because they are always happy to help.

Harvey Bell Year 10

Starting at Chantry Academy

Harvey's advice:

Hello, as you all prepare to start your time at Chantry Academy, I'm sure you're all nervous but equally excited, as somebody who's been at chantry for four years, here's some of my advice and top tips to help you.

First of all, when I started out, I was worried about losing some of my friends that were going to a different school, but over the first few months I made so many new friends. It's easy to stay in contact with your primary school friends, such as getting their phone numbers and utilising social media but I would like to reiterate that there is no need to panic because with a year group as large as yours, I'm certain you'll be able to find somebody with the same interests or hobbies. I also found that I became closer with people that went to my primary school when we went up to chantry together because you are sub consciously looking out for each other even if you've not spoken to each other a lot before.

Secondly, I remember being really nervous about the teachers, I just had this weird feeling that they were all going to be really shouty and that they would get angry over little things, this is not the case. The teachers are there to help you and they are mainly all really friendly. You just have to remember that we are all human so give the teachers respect and you will get it back.

Finally, take the opportunities, if you are offered to compete in a sports event or a show or anything just say "yes" even if it's not your thing, you might learn to like it or linking back to my first point you could make new friends in doing these activities, and that's not even mentioning that the majority of chantry's sports teams are incredible.

Top tips:

1. Everyone in your year group is in the same boat as you
2. Most people are friendly if you get to know them
3. Give teachers and students a chance before you judge them
4. The happier you are within school, the better you do in lessons, so try and maintain healthy relationships with students and teachers alike
5. Try your best, that's all anyone can ask for.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and I wish you all luck as you start out in Chantry Academy.

Charlie Edwards Year 7

Before I started at Chantry there were a few things that I was anxious about, however I quickly got used to my new routine and there were lots of people to help me if I was worrying.

The main thing I worried about was being split up from my friends but it was fine because the teachers made it easy for me to make new friends, which I did.

My top tips

Look at show my homework regularly and complete tasks before the deadline

Looking after people who are scared for their big change.