

Dear Parents,

Rhianna is coming to the end of Year 7 at Marlborough and she has had an AMAZING year! When she arrived at Marlborough in September 2016, she was excited and scared. She quickly made lots of friends at the beginning of “Summer Camp” and the trip in October to “PGL”.

The teaching staff have been supportive and nurturing which has made her work harder to achieve fantastic results in her home learning and reports.

I can say she that she is truly happy at Marlborough and has become a very confident young lady. Every lesson she attends she comes home excited about her new learning and cannot wait to do her home learning. More importantly she also enjoys P.E - supporting her house Mercury and school in any outside sporting competitions.

I would like to thank Marlborough for making the transition from Year 6 to 7 smooth and a positive experience and now they will be welcoming her brother, new to Year 7 in September 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yamini Patel

Dear Parents,

After our son’s Year 7 experience at Marlborough Science Academy, we can wholeheartedly say that he has confidently adjusted to secondary school. He is definitely well on his way to face the future challenges of a high school student. This is because Marlborough has given him a robust start to secondary school life.

The various academic and extra-curricular activities are testaments to Marlborough’s dedication in developing every Year 7 student to achieve one’s potential. Initially it looked like “home learning galore” every week for our son, but he soon learned that home learning was crafted in a way that will hone his knowledge of the subject matter, as well as push him to exert more effort. Likewise, the immediate feedback of teachers encouraged him to critically think and truly improve his work. We have found teachers and staff to be very responsive and hard-working. Music lessons also provided by Marlborough have made it possible for our son to continue his love for piano and drums. He has also enjoyed joining various clubs that meet at lunchtime and after school.

Furthermore, the PGL Camp at the beginning of the school year and also the Team Building activity towards the end, reinforced leadership and teamwork values. His Christmas trip to France, his sailing trip in the Norfolk Broads, and his impending trip to China have taught and encouraged him to be an independent and broad-minded individual.

With the all-out support of Marlborough not only for the Year 7 students but also to the parents/carers, we can breathe a sigh of relief that we have chosen the right secondary school for our son.

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Dear Future Year 7s,

I am writing to tell you about my first week at Marlborough. I have to admit the first day I was very nervous, probably like some of you will be on your first day. But as the day went on I made lots of new friends and realised it's not scary—it's great fun.

Marlborough has a very nice community feeling and lovely teachers. I am very lucky to be here. They also have amazing clubs such as Drama, Football, Lego, Netball, Table Tennis and Trampolining. The teachers are very nice and funny, they will make you laugh and teach you new and interesting things. Best of all, we have our own pool for swimming and there are two school gyms.

At first the school may look big and it may be confusing but luckily in your planner, a place which has your timetable and you write in your home learning, it has a map so if you do get lost you can just open up the map.

The lessons at Marlborough are fun and interesting, it is so different to my primary school as the lessons are much more challenging. My favourite lesson so far is Sport, because we did trampolining and football. I've also been introduced to new lessons like Food Technology, Metalwork, Woodwork and Graphics. The teachers are so supportive and they can see when you are struggling and are always happy to help.

I would recommend going to Marlborough because you learn lots of new things, we have nice teachers and students, also a lovely cafeteria with yummy food.

Your sincerely,

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Dear Year six,

I was once in your shoes, feeling nervous about going to secondary school, but please don't fret, my first days at Marlborough have been magical.

At first things are a little odd. You leave primary as a big fish in a little pond and start secondary as a little fish in a HUGE pond. Everyone here is so helpful and they are always on hand if you need anything.

I am really pleased that I am here because it is a lovely environment and all the teachers are very kind. So far, I have made lots of friends and our new planners are really helping me to be organised as I know where I am going at what time.

The lessons here are always made exciting and the teachers are always happy to give their support to you if needed. So far I have experienced a huge range of lessons. Woodwork is part of Design and Technology so I am very pleased that I am not only making my wooden boat but I am designing and drawing it too, I never thought I would love woodwork! I have of course loved my other lessons such as Maths and English but Chemistry is a whole new world.

I do miss being the oldest, but I guess our time will come.

I hope you feel less nervous about secondary school.

Yours faithfully,

Molly



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Letters to Year 5 and 6 Students



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Dear Parents,

We are so pleased that our son has had a great first year at Marlborough. He is happy to go to school every day, likes all his teachers, and really enjoys the clubs that are on offer.

Coming from a tiny primary school (circa 140 pupils), we were naturally worried about the transition to secondary but Marlborough's settling in process for the Year 7s was nothing short of fantastic. He got to attend a summer camp for just Year 7s which meant they could familiarise themselves with the school before they started and without the rest of the school there. Even when he started and was trying to find his way to lessons, he said that the older children were always helpful if he had to ask where to go.

The head of Year 7 has been brilliant. She is always available and looks after them so well. We have had numerous information evenings and reports, so we feel very informed, and communication is always open should you need it. We can also see everything online, such as teachers' comments, attendance, punctuality, attainment etc. From this respect, Marlborough has felt like a small school this year. It seems as though they really try to cater for every students' needs.

Our first parents' evening was good too. We were impressed by the quality of the teachers and how well they knew our son, considering there are over 200 children in Year 7.

We have just had Year 7 exams which were managed really well and used as an introduction to how exams take place at Marlborough. They were only tested in the core subjects which means less stress for them. I know other schools where Year 7s have had exams in all their subjects which seems unnecessary at their age.

We love Marlborough's fun approach to education; as well as learning, they are encouraged to enjoy their time at school. There have been trips, experience days, opportunities to visit primary schools, be mentors etc. And of course, Comic Relief Day was legendary; our son came home buzzing that day!

We can honestly say that our whole Year 7 experience has been hugely positive. Yes, the work and responsibility increases which is a difficult transition for Year 6s but the school helps in making it manageable.

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Dear Future Year 7s,

I know moving to a new school can be scary and it is a big step but really there isn't anything to be scared of because when you start secondary school you're moving on and will have the best few years of your life.

My first day at Marlborough was fun, although when I walked onto the school grounds I had mixed emotions. However, as the day went by I made lots of new friends and I realised coming to Marlborough was the best decision I've made.

By the second or third day you will know what all the buildings are and where your classes take place. Even though the older students look rather scary but they are very kind, they welcomed me into their community but not just that, they treated me like a part of the family. Next year we will all be doing the same for the new Year 7s.

My favourite lesson is Philosophy and Ethics (RE). I like Philosophy and Ethics because we get the opportunity to share our opinions and discuss what we think. Also, at secondary school we get the chance to be more independent and use equipment in lessons that we have not used before.

Hopefully I will see you next year, having a nice time and getting good grades.
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Dear Year 6,

Secondary school has been amazing so far. You may feel nervous but as soon as you arrive all those butterflies will fly away. Everyone here is supportive and the community is very friendly.

I've only been here for 5 days and they have been the best school days ever. If you are ever lost or worried there is always a teacher or student there for you.

The canteen is great here, there is a much bigger variety of food for you to choose from than at Primary School, and although there are large queues the teachers sort it out almost instantly.

My favourite lessons are Science, Maths and PE. In Maths my teacher always makes a story about the subject we are learning. I love Science, I'm not the best, but I do try my hardest. In PE we've been doing Dance about the 'beautiful game'.

If you are worried about making new friends, don't be, I have made over 10 friends in a space of 5 days and it is one of the easiest things I have done.

Also don't worry about how big the school is, I have nearly learnt my whole way around.

Maybe I will see you in September.

Bradley