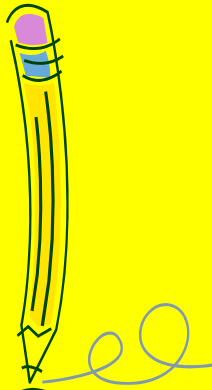
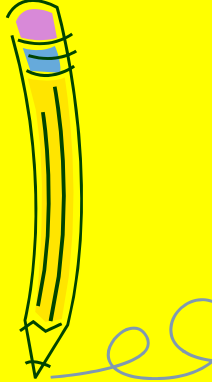


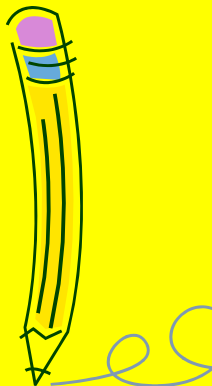
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Hello, Year 6's, as you already know you will be coming up to Thirsk school very soon! So you will need to know some things.

Read all of the information for help if you are worried about anything.

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Settling In

When I first came to Thirsk High School, I didn't know anyone. But due to activities that we did during the induction week, I had soon made lots of friends.

Just before the summer holidays, I moved from Ripon to Thirsk. For the last few weeks of term I stayed at my primary school in Ripon, this meant that settling into Thirsk High School was already very difficult.

Even though Thirsk High School is very big, you will soon find your way around. To give you a little bit of help, in your planner (on the back of your whiteboard) there will be a map of the school.

Thirsk High School is a very friendly place that offers many opportunities for many different things. I hope you enjoy the induction week and many more years to come...

Top tips

Be equipped for your lessons make sure you don't forget any equipment

Make sure you have all your homework in your bag and don't forget any

Always obey the teacher when they give you an instruction and do it immediately even if you don't want to

Try and keep yourself organised and don't get any bad comments in your planner

Get more green in your planner than red

Keep your planner tidy and get it signed every week

Make sure if you have a detention you go to it because you don't want any after school ones

Always put effort into subjects that you don't like even if you loathe the subject

If you have a report show it to the teachers



Finding your way around.

When I was in the last years of year six I was worried about getting lost at Thirsk Secondary school and being late for lessons. I was also worried about all the different areas of the school including: A, B, C, D, E, F and G blocks. (Sounds a lot but actually it's pretty easy to know after a while.)

When I was lost I looked at the back of my planner for the map of the school and found where I was supposed to be going. But sometimes I asked a teacher, friend or someone who is in a higher year, But don't worry people are nice and can tell you where to go, and that helped me a lot of the times.

If you ever are late for class then just explain to your teacher why you are late and in your case then you would say "Sorry miss/Sir, I am late because I got very lost but I found my way by looking in the back of my planner for the map." They should just reply by saying something like "Ok, but try not to be late again."

As you can see, if you are late or lost then you will always be helped and people will be nice to you all the time.

Teachers

When you go to secondary school you will soon realise which teachers you can have a bit of a joke with and which ones you will get a red comment for forgetting homework. Usually your favourite subject will be the one of the ones which you have a nice teacher in (but mainly it will be decided by the subject). For example my favourite subject is IT because I quite like electronics and programming but mainly it depends on the teacher... Mr Aldred! But beware, if you come across a strict teacher you have to be very polite and not mess around, also if someone next to you is being silly don't join in as you will probably both get a red comment or even



Drama Show and Production

When I came to this school I was wondering if they would do Christmas productions and shows, like in some primary schools. And it turns out they do, upper school do their own production (year 10 and 11) and lower school

have their own production (years 7,8 and 9) this year the production that lower school are doing is Hiawatha, Mrs Percival and Mrs Stimpson are running it. You may have these teachers for drama when you join this school in September. You will do different activities and they are very fun, the productions are a place where you will make new friends and remember old ones. You would go on the days provided at lunch, eat your lunch for the first 20mins and then you would do some work on the production, little by little each time. Hopefully you would enjoy these productions; they are for boys and girls! This year there are a lot of boys and some of them are doing the musical instruments for the show. Over all drama productions are very enjoyable.

The good and bad points of IT

I was worried when I first came up that the IT facilities wouldn't be good as in primary we had laptops that broke all the time. But to my pleasant surprise they were most of the time quite fast and running one of the latest versions of windows-Windows 7 professional.

The teachers are also amazing and willing to help you if you have got stuck and also have a good sense of humour.

However there are few as they are a couple of bad points because occasionally when you try to turn the monitor on it pops up with "no signal" quite often this is to do with the



blue cable in the back of the monitor; other causes are the computers been turned off!

Another couple of the good points are that its really easy to access

Google when you click on "intranet" it pops up with a selection screen where you can access key sites really easily like Linguscope a key website when learning your language dependent on blue or red school German or French. Another couple of websites you can access is cool maths, my maths and a few others.

The teaching is good and none of the lessons are boring and unlike most other lessons there is hardly ever written work!

Cafeteria

The food:

Children, who are nearly ready to leave school, are so used to their primary school cafeteria food. At high school you get a different range of food and have a fair few choices, were as at primary school you normally get the choices of two different meals! The food here is well cooked and is lovely and hot when you get it.

Before school:

If you get to school early enough you can get some food or drink. Normally you get food such as bacon sandwiches in the morning! There is a good selection of drinks in the cafeteria, also there is a water cooler in there and you can have free drinks from in there.

Break:

Can you get food at break? The answer is yes you can have food at break. The usual food you get at break is pizza or chips which are one of the main choices or sandwiches and drinks! The favourite foods at break are pizza and chips... they are really yummy as well.

Lunch:

There is a different range of foods in the cafeteria at lunch. There is also a different range of drinks. They sometimes have themed days in the cafeteria were you get to try out foods from different countries, such as curry day, Sri Lankan day, English day, American day and many more.

