

Hey, my name is Lily-Rose.

I am in year 7 going on to year 8 and I'm here to talk to you about the transition from year 6 to year 7. Personally, I had a BUNCH of worries about it. At times I've worried that I chose the wrong school (I definitely didn't) and that I wasn't going to make any friends - I think many of us had that worry, especially when not many of our primary school friends were joining us at Norbury Manor. What helped me was talking to people about it, to my friends and with my mum.

But it is important that you don't let not being in the same school as your friends stop you from making new ones here. Because of what is going on with Covid-19 it will seem more of a challenge to you. And you will be missing out on having an induction day. I'm sure the teachers will come up with a way of making sure that you get the time to get to know your classmates and the new surroundings.

What I learned on Induction Day

I learned my teacher's names, what clubs there are and where the lunch room is but all of these things will come up again on the first day so you have nothing to worry about. There is also a big chance that in the coming school year the clubs will be done differently or that we will not know what clubs will be available and in what form until we are all back at school in September.

Your first day at Norbury Manor:

Although you will not get a traditional induction day you still get your first day. On my first day there weren't any other years but on the second day everyone was there and this will probably be the same for you. If you get lost feel free to ask anyone and they will help you because they understand that it's not easy to navigate around school.

Now you may or may not know this but there are different forms. They are essentially your class but you split up throughout the day. The forms are:

- Blue (B)
- Fuchsia (F)

- Green (G)
- Jet black (J)
- Purple (P)
- Red (R)
- Tangerine (T)
- Yellow (Y)

I am in 7G the seven stands for the year I'm in so when you start, I'll be in 8G.

How to stay calm and get a hang of the school

- . **Make sure you listen** - it may seem dull but you won't learn where anything is if you don't pay attention
- . **Don't worry about what others think of you** - you might make the wrong kind of friends
- . **Do your homework** - if teachers know you have a good work ethic they might be more lenient with you later on

I hope this helps bring you up to date on Norbury Manor, but if you still have questions check out the Norbury Manor website: <https://www.nmbec.org.uk/>

Lots of love, Lily-Rose xxx