

How to thrive as an S1 in Firrhill High School : FAQ's



We asked some of our current S1's for their advice....

S1 PREPARATION

Pack your bag the night before – look at your timetable and have the jotters you need. **Charge your ipad** and have your PE kit ready! Get your uniform ready the night before too. One of the worst things is running around in the morning trying to find things.

Travel to school. Speak to your friends from primary school before the 3 day visit. How are they getting to school – walking, bus or getting a lift. It's good if you know how you are getting to school and who with, before the 3 day visit.

Be open-minded

Try not to just stick to hanging around with your primary friends. Get to know different people. You'll make friends with people from different schools really easily because you need to work together in class.

Homework

When you start S1 use Teams to make sure you are keeping track of your homework. It's good to get it done early because you might end up with more than one piece of homework from different subjects.

WHAT ARE THE BEST WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS

Clubs

It's a really good idea to try the different clubs that you can do. In S1, it's a really good way to meet different people. You will have the chance to work with other S1s and get to know them outside of the classes.

Helping Hands

The S6 Helping Hands are brilliant. They are really friendly and if you are finding it tricky to make friends or you are quite shy, they can really help you to get to know your classmates and feel part of the group.

Support from Staff

The teachers in Firrhill are really approachable and if you need help, you can ask them anything. If you are finding it hard to make friends, speak to your teachers. There are breaktime and lunchtime groups you can join that can help you meet people.

Things you can do yourself

Try to be brave. Everyone will be nervous but try to speak to your classmates because they will be feeling the same as you.

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LUNCHES

Best way of making friends at lunch

You have to stay in school until Christmas and even after then, most people stay in school. It's not much fun to stand in a queue at shops. It's easier to speak to friends if you stay in school.

Avoid being on your phone

It's much easier to get to know people if you speak to them. You can't really do that if you are playing on your phone at break and lunchtime.

Using the astro sensibly

The astroturf is a good place to go at lunch when the weather is nice. You have to share it with other year groups so everyone gets their own space. It's good fun but if you want a quieter space you can sit in lots of places around the school.

ROUTINES

Bring own stationery

Try to remember your pencil case and your own stationery for school. If you don't have stationery it will be provided for you.

iPad

We do a lot of learning on our iPads. It's really important to charge your iPad every night and make sure you bring it with you.

Sleep

I found that I needed more sleep early on in the year as I found the days and weeks longer and more tiring. I tried to get my homework done early in the evening so I could relax after or go to my clubs.

ALL THE PUPILS, WHEN ASKED FOR THEIR MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF ADVICE, SAID THE SAME THING.....

Have fun and try new things!