

Transition at Sandhill View



Thank you for choosing Sandhill View Academy for your child's education. To help with your child's transition from primary to secondary education we've included this leaflet to help you and your child understand what we do to support the move, what they have to look forward to and hopefully answer any questions.

Our School Facilities



Theatre
Dining Hall

Learning Resource Centre

Sensory Room

Our SEN Staff



Miss A Summerside
SENDCo



Mrs E. McDonnell
Medication Lead



Mrs B. Hill
Medication Lead



Miss M Noble
Mental Health Champion
& Learning Support



Mrs K Kell
Lexia & Reading
Intervention Lead &
Learning Support



Mrs L Birkett
Braille Technician
& Learning Support



Mrs E Smyth
Attendance &
Learning Support



Hannah McDougall
Learning Support

Fun Stuff as a Sandhill Student



Trips & Visits

Throughout the year you will get the chance to go on school trips to help enhance your subject knowledge to places such as The Centre for Life, The Empire Theatre, The Baltic or even trips to Paris or Italy! You could also be given the chance to take part in an amazing trip or go on an adventure.



Join a Club!

There are many different clubs you can join every week that run over lunchtimes, after school and during enrichment periods. Interested in cars? Then why not join our Motor Vehicles club. Or perhaps you'd like to share your talents in Art Club? There's so much to choose from!



Win Awards

Each week our Head of School, Mrs. Maw takes nominations from teachers for students who have done something really good. She then hand picks from these nominations and awards the 'Head Teacher's Award' to a special few, who go on to get a signed certificate, a luxury pen and a photograph for home.



Earn Praise Points

We want you to do well at school, and we want to reward you for good work, excellent behaviour and a positive attitude. For that reason, we award pupils praise points every time they do something good. At the end of term you can then use your saved up praise points to attend fun activities and trips out during Activities week

Stuff you should know for future SHV pupils...

The *Big* Differences



More than one Teacher

In secondary school you have a different teacher for every lesson. You will also have a 'form tutor' who will take you for registration everyday and will look after you during your time at Sandhill View.

Different Classrooms

Instead of one teacher, teaching you all the subjects in one classroom, in secondary school you have a teacher for every subject, each with their own classroom. This means you move around the school to attend your different classes.



New Subjects

Some subjects you might not have studied at Primary School. You'll learn a foreign language, act in Drama, learn how to cook or make things in Design Technology as well as learn more about some subjects you have already studied at primary school.

Your Form Class

Your tutor group is where you start each day, along with your form tutor who will remain with you as you go through every year at Sandhill View. It's also the perfect chance to take on a responsibility yourself. Your group could elect you to be Attendance Monitor, Anti-Bullying Ambassador or even Tutor Group Monitor and represent your entire group. The form group at SHV are all named after inspirational people.



What Else?

You'll find there are a lot more students, up to 1000. Toilets are only open at certain times within the school day and if you need to go in lesson time you might get a special pass. You also have a Head of Year who you can go to for help should you need it, if you have any questions or are lost.

? Questions Answered!

We asked some of the year 7 students what they would have liked to know when they were in year 6...

What would they want to know as a Year 6 pupil?

What are the School Rules?

Pupils are expected to be Ready for lessons, Respectful to everyone and Safe at all times. These simple expectations are displayed on every classroom door.

What is the uniform?

Everyone at SHV must wear uniform. This includes black formal trousers, shoes and blazer, a white shirt and a school tie. Pupils may also wear a skirt in the SHV pattern instead of trousers.

What the food is like?

There are lots of tasty food options with everyday bringing something new. This includes vegetarian options. Students may also bring a packed lunch to eat in school.

What do they think is good about SHV?

Everyone here is really friendly and there is always someone to talk to if you have a problem.

Bullying isn't an issue here.

The school is full of great facilities like the science labs and the cookery rooms.

You learn lots of interesting subjects and meet lots of new teachers and make so many new friends.

The Student Support Base is there to help if you have any problems.

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The school listens to your ideas and acts on them.

Year 7 have their own yard at break and lunch times.

