



COMMON CONCERNS

I'm a little bit nervous about moving to a new, bigger school

You are not alone, this is a natural emotion and very normal. This is a big change, however, rest assured, we have a fantastic team to support you: form tutors, teachers, the Engagement and Welfare team and your peers. We are all here to help you along the way.

I'm worried that the work will be more difficult

Your teachers are here to help you learn and fulfil your potential. Yes, you will be challenged, however, this is a positive thing and this is how we all learn and make progress. You will not be expected to know about quantum physics from day 1! If you do find that you are struggling please make your teacher aware and they will only be too happy to help!

I'm worried about home learning

You will get home learning but will be very much eased into this. The expectation is that you should spend 25-30 minutes on a set piece. If you have any problems or questions about any home learning which has been set then you should contact the teacher, either by speaking to them, emailing them, or through google classroom. The most important thing is that you do not panic and just ask if there is anything you are unsure about!

What if I get lost?

This is a common question when students start, but it hardly ever happens! You will spend most of your lessons in the first half term with your tutor group and will be moving around with them. We appreciate it may take time to get your bearings. You have a map of the school in your planner, however, if you aren't sure where to go just ask anyone, we are all here to help you (students and teachers).

I'm not in a tutor group with my friend / my best friend is going to another school / how will I make new friends?

Joining a new school is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and develop new friendships. Your tutors will help you to get to know each other to start with. In addition, we offer plenty of activities and clubs, which provide fantastic opportunities to meet new people. You WILL make new, life-long friends and will do loads of activities to encourage this as well. You will also have opportunities to see friends in other classes before school, during break and lunchtime, and after school and widen your friendship circle.

I'm worried about bigger students

We consider ourselves one big supportive and friendly learning community at Woolmer Hill and we all help and support each other. The older students are renowned for helping the younger students (they will remember being in your position) and remember, you are the smallest in the school so they will want to look after you.