

We asked some of our Year 7 pupils about their move to North Gosforth Academy. Below, are the things that they were most worried about before they started. The same students have also commented on their experiences at North Gosforth Academy, and all students said that they were no longer worried.

Homework



Just like primary school, you will also get homework. You can record homework in your planner; make sure you understand what you need to do before you leave the lesson. You can attend Homework Club in the library, so you don't need to worry about doing it at home.



'Always ask you teacher if you are not sure – you can also stay behind with your teacher to ask questions. Miss Ritchie even helped me with my Spanish!'

Being bullied

North Gosforth Academy takes bullying very seriously. One of the benefits of having different teachers is that you will always have someone to go to.

'I have always felt comfortable speaking to my Head of Year and my tutor. I know there is a Bully Box for anyone who needs it as well'

Getting lost

Getting lost is one of the biggest worries. This is normal because you are getting used to a new building, and will have to walk to different parts for your different lessons.

'Make sure to ask a teacher if you get lost! You won't get told off. I also used my map, which definitely helped. North Gosforth Academy isn't actually that big and you quickly get used to it!'



Not making friends

The great thing about being part of North Gosforth Academy is meeting new people.

'Whilst being at North Gosforth Academy, I have made loads of new friends. I wasn't expecting to make so many as I thought I would just stay with my friends from primary. I am lucky'



'Being told off' and detentions

At the start of Year 7, whilst everyone is getting to know the rules, students can get quite worried about 'being told off' and getting detentions.

'In the first week, we went through the PRAISE code so you understand expectations. The PRAISE code makes things very clear. All of my teachers are really nice so you shouldn't be worried!'