

JAIRAM – 7OB

Year 7 is very different to Year 6 and there are a lot of changes. You will have a different teacher for every subject and you will have to go to different classrooms for different lessons. In Year 7 you will not be taken up to lunch but have to go yourself at your specific time. In Year 7 all the lessons are very interesting and amazing. In Maths you get introduced to Algebra and more complicated equations and theories. Whilst in English you will have a book which you will all read and refer to in your lessons and we also do PETER paragraphs and persuasive writing. Science is fascinating and you get to use amazing equipment like chemicals and Bunsen burners.

I have had a blast in Year 7 and have really enjoyed it. The teachers are all very friendly and approachable. I have taken part in team sports, cross country and quiz club. There are many extracurricular activities and it is always exciting to represent your school. You learn a lot in Year 7 and get introduced to a lot of new and exciting stuff. Just try your best and don't get stressed.

BEN – 7C

My name is Ben, I'm currently in Year 7. I started at Merchant Taylors' in September not knowing anyone. In the first week we had football and rugby trials as well as games and P.E. and very quickly I made lots of friends and knew I was going to settle in quickly. I was really proud when I was picked to play for the School at both football and rugby. Every Saturday morning, we play games against other schools either at home or away. It's great fun (especially on the bus) and we've done really well in both sports this season and we've won lots of games! There's so many opportunities and different things to try! We've had the chance to do Volleyball, Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Hockey, Rowing, Cricket, Football, Rugby, Rugby 7's - the only downside is there's so many things to do there is not enough time to try everything! I've really loved playing rugby and football....my favourite moment was when I scored in the last minute to win the game 3-2! My three words of advice for you are to **'get stuck in!'**

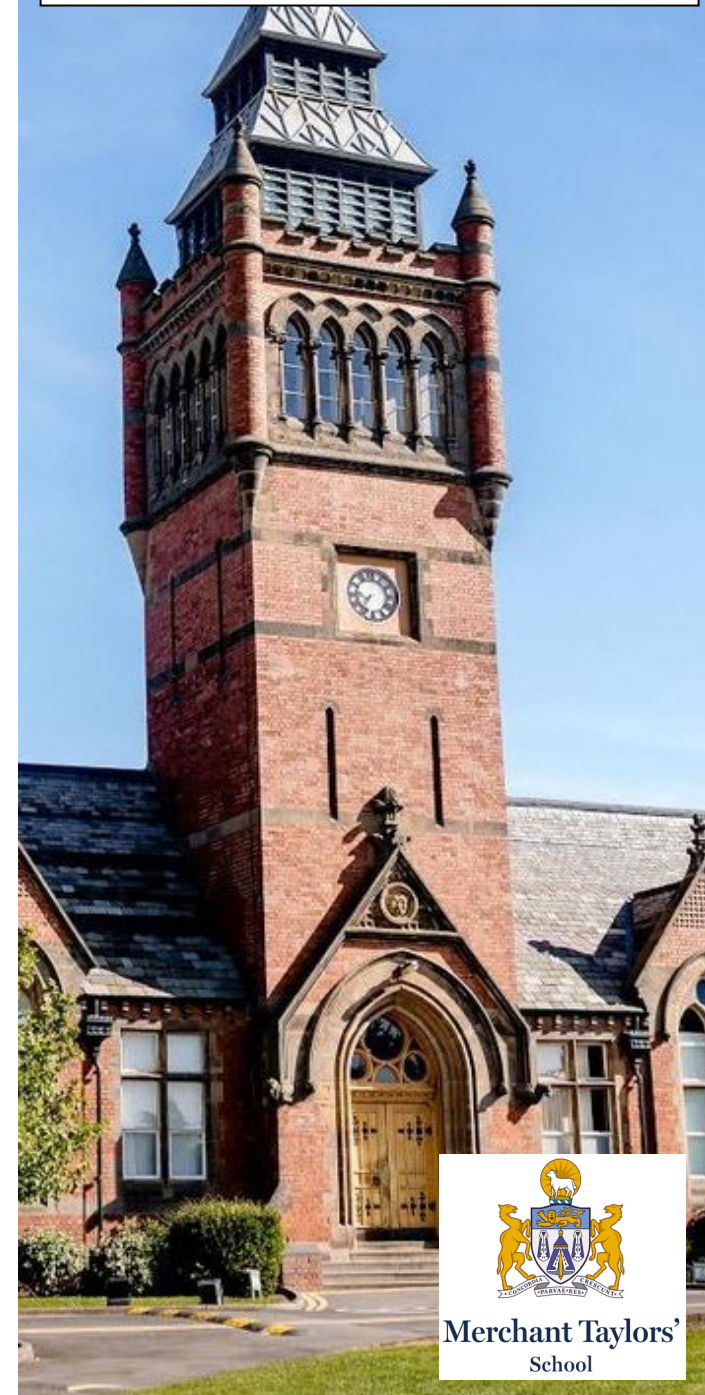
RAHUL - 7OB

Year 7 music has been really enjoyable and you should look forward to it as a subject. You will learn about the many different types of music and the way they are performed on the stage. In the classrooms there are also a wide variety of musical instruments, such as: keyboards, ukuleles, African drums and recorders.

You can learn about these in the lessons, and eventually get to play them in groups or solo. In addition, computer programs such as Garageband can help you when you're composing pieces of music. Lastly, I have enjoyed music a lot, all the music teachers are very good and will help you if you are stuck on anything.

The best part of music is when you get to compose your own piece on Garageband and then listen to them in the lesson. Overall, music is a really good subject and on that you should look forward to.

My first year at MTBS



JAMES - 7OM

I joined MTBS last September and I have loved my first year at the school. I have enjoyed my History, Geography and Science lessons. In History we have studied multiple subjects from Medicine to Medieval Sports. In Geography I've been fascinated by Global Trade and Ecosystems. In Science I have completed many exciting experiments and learnt so much about different energies, what living things are made of, and much more.

I have been a part of multiple clubs. The Law and Order Society has been extremely interesting with the process of Magistrates in court explained in detail. I attend the Quiz Club which is based on the TV show "University Challenge" and we have been able to compete against other schools, which was very enjoyable. Finally, I go to Debating Club where we discuss very meaningful and relevant topics from Artificial Intelligence, to Electric Cars. I have also learnt how to play the drums from previously knowing nothing about how to play them.

My time at Merchants so far has been enjoyable with many school trips and new opportunities. MTBS has given me so much to do and learn in my short time here so far. At Merchants you should try your best to do everything you are offered. Join as many clubs as possible! Don't be afraid of new things, and have a go at everything. MTBS is a brilliant school!

SEB - 7G

This year, I have represented the School in cross-country, rugby and football - I had also hoped to play in the cricket team but sadly those games were cancelled. I was lucky enough to be appointed captain of my school year's football team and, along with others, the rugby team too. The thing I enjoy most about sports at our school is the thrill of being in a close match, desperately wanting to win the match to make your school proud - and managing to do just that.

My favourite moments of this school year involved close matches - school matches are usually close. In football against Manchester Grammar School (who, as you may know, are one of our biggest rivals) we won 1-0 and in rugby against Birkenhead School (another rival) we came out victors with a 4-3 win. Both matches were incredibly tough which made the wins even better!

Matches are held on Saturday mornings every week and we have 'A', 'B' and sometimes 'C' team squads, so everybody who wants to play has a good chance of getting a game.

My advice for you moving into Year 7 next year is to be determined and have dedication. Make sure to attend football and rugby training every week and if you are new to a sport, give it a go - you may just love it.





JUDE 7G

I remember my first day well. My mum taking photos and me walking through those gates - thinking, "well it starts here!" When you first join you can be a bit nervous and not want to show it. Try not to be nervous – everyone is so friendly!

Lessons are great with lots of opportunities. In lessons the teachers are so helpful and will do the most they can to help you. My favourite memory of Year 7 was when we were doing an experiment in Science and we accidentally made an explosion happen. Nothing bad happened and we weren't shouted at- the teachers aren't like that, they just checked we were ok. The teachers are there for you so take the help and take the chances, you won't regret it. There is a lot of fun in Year 7 so don't waste it! A last tiny bit of advice from experience - if you can make friends with the older years most of them are really approachable, so don't be afraid of them.



ISAAC 7G

I hope you have a great year, and I've got some advice for you for music. Music, in my opinion, is one of the best subjects you could ever learn. You have great teachers like Mr Harrison. Music is a great way to learn new skills.

For example, singing two days a week will really improve your vocal skills as you go through the weeks, months and years. Merchant Taylors' School music lessons are exciting, fun and even sometimes competitive - I sing a lot, and singing is one of the main parts of music. It is a really good talent to have. **If you ever have a chance to play an instrument - grab it!**

Right now in Year 7, we are learning about Vaudeville music and how it all started – it has been great learning about the history of music too! I think Year 7 has been the best year for music so far and if you like your music then you will have a great time as you get to do everything from computer based stuff, to performing at the Philharmonic Hall.



DAVID – 7G

So, what is Tendo? Well, Tendo is the lesson where you get to have fun and try new things on a Friday afternoon - there are lots of options available. We frequently change what we do each term. So, what can you do in Tendo? As we go through the school we get the chance to try so many different activities..... It's up to you. Years 7-13 do Tendo, so you have plenty of time to choose. Regardless of what you like to do, there is something for everyone - sporty, creative or something in between. So, in summary, Tendo is awesome!

