

Hello Year 6, I'm Finn and this is how my day at Whitmore goes:

Let's start at the beginning; I generally wake up at around 6:30 in the morning, and read for about half an hour, so that I'm up by 7:00. My friend Dylan normally meets me at my house at 8:00 and quite often I'm still not ready to go and have to rush at the last second to get everything together, despite getting up so early (I don't recommend this – learn by my mistakes and be more organised). Sorry Dylan (if you're reading this). My mission for Year 8 – be ready on time every day and spend less time with my head in the clouds (as my Mum says). We normally get to school at about 8:35 and hang around with friends in the canteen 'til school starts at 8:40.

We start school at 8:40 and we go to our form class for our Daily Act of Collective Worship (or, as we call it, DACW pronounced da-coo) four days a week. Once a week we go to the hall for our Year 7 assembly where our Head of Year (Mr Williams) tells us about what he thinks about the week's DACW. Then we leave for our first lesson at 8:55.

For the next two hours we have lessons one and two. We have a lesson rota in our planner, and it rotates back to the start every fortnight. At 10:55 to 11:20 we have break. I normally go to Mrs Ellis' room with all my friends and we hang out, eat part of our lunch and, overall, just chill. Sometimes I go to the music room to practice with my band – Crimson X instead. I stay in either place 'til the bell is rung, and we have to go to lesson three. Next, we have lesson three and four for another two hours. We finish lessons and go to lunch at 1:20.

Lunch is 35 minutes long. I know what you're thinking, this is a short amount of time to eat lunch, but we manage. In secondary school we need less time for lunch as we don't play, like we did in primary school. To be honest, having a shorter lunchtime means leaving school earlier at the end of the day – and I'm not complaining about that! We normally spend lunchtime in Mrs Ellis' room, but not on Fridays. Friday lunch time is the one time Mrs Ellis gets some peace from all of us, so Crimson X has band practice on Friday instead.

Lesson five is after lunch—the last lesson of the day. This is just the same as lessons one, two, three and four except everyone is excited to get back home. When the lesson ends at 2:55 everyone rushes out of the classroom and out of the back doors as fast as they can without running. About two thirds of the kids leave school at 2:55, whilst the other one third stays for the after-school clubs. There are so many to choose from. I go to Drama Club, panto and summer Drama production practices, Art Academy and basketball.

I walk home if I don't have an after-school club and arrive around 4pm. If I do have an after-school club my mum (or my Bampa) picks me up and I get home around 5pm. When I get home, I show my mum the homework I have, and we pick a day that we're going to tackle it. Sometimes I do it straight away to get it done. Some nights I go to other (out-of-school) clubs but on others I just chill and hang out with my brother (Seb), my mum and my dad. I always pack my bag in the morning before school once everything is ready, rather than the night before, because I take a packed lunch to school.

These are some things you'll need to remember when you go to Whitmore:

- DON'T forget your blazer, tie, PE kit and lunch.
 - Bring a pencil case and essentials everywhere with you.
 - Bring your phone to school with you but turn it **off in lessons**.
 - DON'T fill your blazer pockets with junk you don't need (although I like to keep my quick notes in my blazer so that I don't lose them).
 - Get to school and class on time.
 - DON'T EVER mitch off school!
 - Never leave your house without your planner.
 - Always keep your house keys (if you have them) on you.
 - Join as many after school clubs as you can.
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- Make load of friends (old and new) and have the best time.

I hope I see you next year. Please don't be scared to say hi. Everyone is super friendly.