



Randocism - Survival

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Hello

Greetings yellow school pupils!! I would like to personally congratulate those year 11s who set off the fire alarm freeing all year 8s from the prison of maths yesterday. The teachers weren't happy but we were, thank you. It's nice to see you properly panicking now you are only a week away from leaving. Could you take me with you? I promise to be good!

Anyways, this book is meant to be a guide on how to survive Saffron Walden County High School so READ IT CAREFULLY. This book is vital for the next several years of life so hold it close to you in times of need, read and learn and develop a relationship. Go ahead snag it so long as someone is buying this book. I seriously need the money. Cover this guide with doodles of hearts for all I care just so long as you pay for it first!

Am lets see I think I've got all the basic messages over... read, buy, help me, welcome oh and by the way these are your teenage years coming up; don't take your anger out on this book. You'll regret it.

Rules

There are plenty of these but whether they're actually followed is another question. In your first lessons you'll just sit there and go over them so here's the basics before you drift off into La La Land.

Rules	What really happens
Sign the Home-school agreement in your planner	Sign it and break it.
Don't bring inexpensive electrical items	In SHCHS it's weird not to have a phone or iPod somewhere in your blazer.
Do not roll up your skirt/girls and no obvious make up.	Although I don't see the point of doing either in the first place this rule is frequently broken.
Boys must have shirts tucked in and their tie covering the top button of their shirt.	Very rarely happens unless being told off about it.
We are allowed to wear earrings but they must not be big enough.	This actually happens!

to slide onto your little
finger

If you are late or need
to leave school for various
reasons sign in or out
at reception

If you have long hair
manage it. No dyeing it
unnatural colors. Nothing
shorter than a barbers no 2

If you get ill go to the
medical room between

8:45am - 3:20pm preferably
not during lessons

Don't eat or drink
anywhere other than the
canteen, main hall,
expressive arts studio,
picnic area or the area
outside. C corridor.

No smoking at school
or to and from it.

Always write neatly
in blue or black pen.

This generally happens
for signing out but
often people in my
class forget to sign in.

From experience I know
this is difficult but
is achievable and
usually happens.

This rule doesn't often
happen.

I often see people chewing
gum or sweets in classes
& drinking whilst
walking down a
corridor.

Sadly on the way home
I see this happening a
lot with older years.

Half the time people
are using borrowed
pens. Is not that's

~~because~~

All work should be dated, titled, corrected, double-checked and underlined when necessary

Come prepared with the correct equipment

because they've given up the hunt and are using a pencil instead

Ha! That certainly never happens unless you're a greedy-2-shoes. Like me

This can be hard if you're only just getting used to your school timetable and you'll find you are frequently missing something if not everything

Now you've probably taken one look at this table and gone: "Whoa!" but don't worry. As you can see, half of these rules aren't done anyways. It may seem like a lot to remember but after a few weeks it becomes automatic and easy to take in your stride when somebody's phone goes off in class. They can be confiscated so keep it on vibrate people!

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The Two Houses

Rather pathetically I don't think the houses even have signature, crests but this page looks dull so I think I'll make them up instead.

The only time the houses really come into play is in interform, in which all years compete in a selected sport competition. In the end Walden and Saffron are the best teams playing against each other.

You may notice in assembly you have to sit on a certain side of the hall. This is because of the two houses the school is divided up into. You will end up in either Saffron or Walden. Not terribly creative names but that's school for you.

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Teachers - The Drama Department

Drama teachers are actors that never made it. It's a well-known fact. Here are the things you need to know about certain teachers though.

• Miss [REDACTED]

Generally people like this teacher. She's kind and expressive and likes people to shout yes miss when replying to the register. The louder the better. Like most drama teachers she tends to pay more attention to the louder pushier people in your set.

• Miss [REDACTED]

She's head of the drama department so make sure you're in her good books. Some of my friends say that she's OK but pretty strict so be on your best behaviour!

• Miss [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this lady is considered to be: kind, strict but generally okay by most.

Those three drama teachers are the main ones so beware! What makes them that in my opinion is the fact, that all of their names were up on the door of the drama office on a fairly small looking laminated sheet. As for the subject itself remember what I said about being loud and pushy. Once when we'd finished watching a GCSE performance as a treat Miss Moorhouse asked us who we thought was best. Most of us said it was the small quiet boy who always stayed in his stuttery character. Miss Moorhouse was very surprised and actually said something along the lines of: "Didn't you like the big loud boys?" despite the fact that one of them had been struggling to hold back a smile during what looked like a catfight between two peevy teens. Hmmm. You get the picture. Now while you're busy contemplating this take a break from tiresome teachers and move onto the next page.

Don't worry - there's more teacher sections in this book to come.

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A Collection Of Difficult Truths

When you come to High School there are a lot of new matters to cope with. Since by that time you'll be going through puberty I've decided to give you a bit of extra preparation. Get used to these problems, take them in your stride, before it's too late.

• Marking

This is one of the things Ogsted said SKHS wasn't too good at. I don't blame them. We put all that effort (or lack of effort) into a piece of work and they don't glance at it for what seems like years to the average student. What's the point of doing the work in the first place?

• Queues

Kids push into queues all the time, but it's just plain weird when teachers do it. They ask you politely just into some excuse ready and you can't say no to a teacher. At least I haven't seen anybody try the word in this scenario yet.

• Homework

Yes the whopping amount of the stuff can be a nightmare and it has sent many pupils running for their lives. It seems to crop up at the worst of times jilting up your social life too intruding on a pleasant summer weekend.

Most teachers give you homework when they feel like it ignoring the timetable but when you see it is safe to do so you can always get the class to form an angry mob in protest.

• Class Detentions

Have you ever been the only person behaving in the class yet you ALL get a detention together? Alternatively have you even been the only person misbehaving the teacher doesn't realise. One next thing you know it's a class detention? Either way you get the picture.

• Substitutes

I can not describe the annoyance of subs, they say they're in charge but know nothing about the subject they're teaching, I have to create a section in this guide dedicated to the horrible textbook work

silence that has to exist when a sub is in the room.

• Corridor Traffic

This is generally bad enough especially when a group of kids stop right in front of you during rush hour to have a chat. However when you get teachers walking down the wrong side of the stairs I really begin to blow a guse. They're the people who tell us off for god's sake!

• Swearing

At ShCHS you pick up a bit of swearing skills. My Australian English teacher once swore in class not realising it was a swear word in England. My Irish teacher once spelled the ~~shit~~ word in class then realised what she'd done. The teachers are used to it but when you come home you have to keep your mouth shut.

• Bag Lock

Hint to help you find your bag; it won't be where you left it. It also gets crushed. Do I need to say anymore?

• Year 11 Prank Week

This can be quite good fun but you have to be careful. Check door handles, avoid railings, check toilet seats before sitting, don't eat cakes from the canteen if possible, but most importantly stay in populated areas. As I said the pranks may be good fun but they're not when you're the victim so be VERY careful. Fortunately these pranks only happen when year 11s are leaving or something like that.

I'll probably think of lots of other stuff to put in this section as soon as I've finished writing but I don't have the space. Don't worry though this is a Randozism Survival Guide so I'm sure I'll mention this sort of stuff in other sections.

So...

DON'T WORRY!

BE happy!

(don't worry be happy, don't worry be happy...)

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Uniform

Girls Uniform - tips on how to use it e.g. stash your stuff in the 2 front pockets.



FOLDS UP

N.B - Don't worry too much about PE kit, nobody comes equipped for it anyways. Oh and for guys and boys you're not allowed to wear a jumper without a blazer on top. Weird but rules.

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Lets start at the top shall we!
The blazer is big and stuffy but has a pocket on the front of it which displays the crests emblem and your yearbook
2 huge pockets below on either side and at least 2 pockets on the inside generally dedicated to mobile phones, MP3 players and purses. Underneath you wear a boring but shapey blouse and if you choose to do so can wear a boring scoop neck jumper. As for below the torso you wear a checked green kilt usually hitched up and tights or socks. You can wear trousers but with most girls it doesn't happen.

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Boys Uniform-tips on how to use it e.g. stash chewing gum in 2 front pockets.



or no jumper

Not drawn to scale.

FOLDS DOWN

N.B- I have no idea about boys PE kit and am not about to have a peek. Oh and for girls and boys you're not allowed to wear a jumper without a blazer on top. Weird but rules. Generally boys get told off more easily

[REDACTED]

Lets start at the top shall we!
The blazer is big and stuffy but
has a pocket on the front of it
which displays the circus emblem
and your yearbar, 2 pockets below
on either side and 2 inside dedicated
to money and electronics. Underneath
they wear a tucked in shirt with a
pocket at the front, a jumper
if they choose and a tie which
must be done up properly at all
times. They also have to wear
trousers and socks.

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Lunch

OK. Here are some top tips about lunch-time because it may sound easy, but trust me there's SO much that could go wrong.

1. **DO NOT** go straight into the canteen. double check what day it is. Each year has to either queue inside or outside the building on certain days. **For example**, at the moment y7 and 8 go queue inside on T-days (Tuesday, Thursday).

2. **SORT OUT** your uniform otherwise it'll take ages for you to get in. If you don't do this then **this could happen**: you may get amber warning, you get told off and you get held back a bit too.

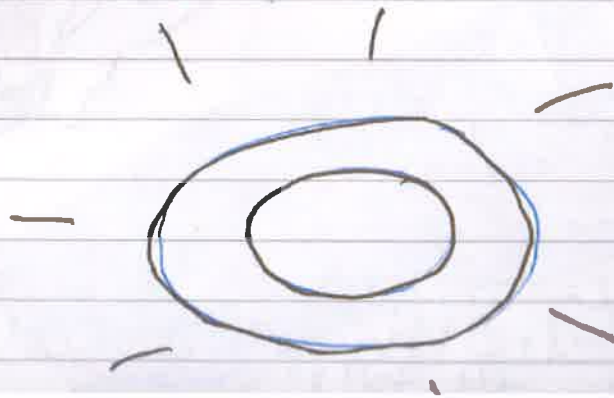
3. **DON'T FORGET** lunch money. ~~£~~2-3 pounds will get you a decent meal. **If you have a packed lunch** go to ~~£~~3 and eat there unless told otherwise by the bulletin. Ignore the canteen tips

in this section if so.

3. CLEAR UP after yourselves. If you leave the table in a mess you drive teachers and pupils alike crazy.
If you don't: You may even be forced to do so by teachers!

4. RECYCLE. Put food and plates in the right places or **DIE!!!!!!!**
As you've probably guessed I'm a bit of an ecopeak...

5. REMEMBER at break on Friday in the canteen they serve cakes. On any other break time they won't be there due to stupid healthy eating.



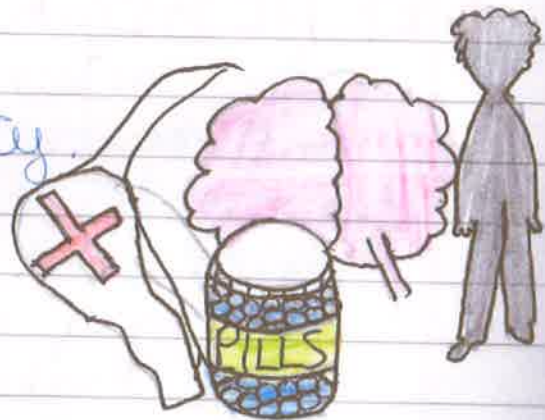
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Timetable Collapses

As soon as you get used to your week routines to and behold a timetable collapse jumps in the way. These generally last a couple of hours and consist of don't do this don't do that. They take place in your form with your form tutor usually but can include an educational assembly for your whole year.

The topics are on:

- The brain.
- Teenage pregnancy.
- First aid.
- Drugs
- Bullying
- Stranger danger
- Contraceptives



It goes on and on but on the bright side we do get to miss lessons because of the timetable collapses

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The Bulletin

The bulletin is a sheet of paper delivered in the register and emailed to all of the teachers. They're meant to read it to the class in the morning during quiet period but they generally forget. However a reading of it is almost guaranteed during form time.

As for what's on it it's basically a sheet of reminders. It tells you if clubs are on, has a table of room changes on it too, it gives out notices you'll see what I mean when you have it read out to you. The teacher will only read out the parts specific to your year.



N.B - looks nothing like the picture.

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Navigation

On your first visit to SWCHS you'll be given a tour, but from then on you have to find your own way.

Getting lost isn't too bad as you have a good excuse for missing parts of lessons but it's better to be confused about where you are in a group of friends rather than on your own. You can get a photocopy of a black and white map from reception but after a few weeks you'll be surprised at how easily you can find your way about. Everyone is. Either way no matter how well you think you know the site there's bound to be places you haven't explored yet. I'm in year 8 moving up to year 9 at the moment yet the only time I've been in S block is when I was Deputy Student and when we once had a rather drastic room change.



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Duty Student

Each year in the school takes it in turns to be Duty Students. Class by class, period by period. Everyone in your class is assigned to either 5 periods of being duty student in the afternoon or 2 of it in the morning. Being a duty student means you are forced to give up a couple of lessons or so in order to help out in the office behind reception. Plus you do any other odd jobs given to you whether it's note transporting or giving people PE kits. When you are duty student you have to wear a laminated clip on tag wherever you go.



Generally it's a quite boring job.

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Disturbing Multi-Purposes

These pop up a lot considering that the Boatman Centre is used as the local cinema: Saffron Screens. It is used in everyday school as an assembly hall for year 7s.

DS has multi-purposes as well. It's meant to be a drama hall but is often used by Music School to host concerts every now and then.

The school field has hosted countless tournaments of god knows what, VBS during the holidays, Kids filming (don't ask) and kids generally mucking about on it.

The PE block hosts PE lessons, many afterschool clubs and sometimes even dance clubs for adults!

Who knows - by the time you get there there may be even more!

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Music School

I suppose you could say music school is one VERY big club. It takes place on Thursdays afterschool and is on from 5pm till 7. If you play any instrument you'll be welcome there, if not, commit to something else. Music school is a collection of lessons in itself for example I do my guitar lesson from 5-5:30 then I have band until 6 then I'm stuck in boring grade 2 theory until 6:30 and I have some fun in aural until 7. There are ensembles you can join and a school orchestra. It all depends on what instrument you play however it also contains music lessons timetables of the walls of both of the music blocks (Crew and old). Most lessons take place during school time and you have to check up on the timetable to know when to leave lessons. However it's a lot less confusing to have your lesson during music school itself.