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Homework

Instead of giving you a tedious explanation I decided to ask my fellow classmates to give me quotes summarising the effect it has on the average SHC HS pupil. Here you are:

"Homework killed me in 246 different words. Proceed with caution." Jemma Henry.

"Homework can be a pain but if you hand it in teachers will be kinder to you if you forgot it or didn't do it." Emily Young.

"For every minute I spend on my homework another part of me dies inside." Scarlett A.J.

"Homework = tragedy but with luck you'll get through it." Hazel Meades.

"It's boring." Tamara McCabe.

"I don't like it." Henry Gamble.

"It needs to have an equal balance."
Grace Reed and Lucy Gibson.

"It's alright but sometimes people set you too much." Sayron Paris.

"It's stupid and pointless." Laura Dwall.

"Excellent! Educational! Spiffing!"
Katy Johnson.

"Sometimes it's fun, beneficial to your learning and keeps you busy at home but sometimes it's pointless and annoying."
Betsy Herbert.

"I think it's quite important but you get too much." Alice Kohler.

"Really boring and hardly any point in it." Alex Croft.

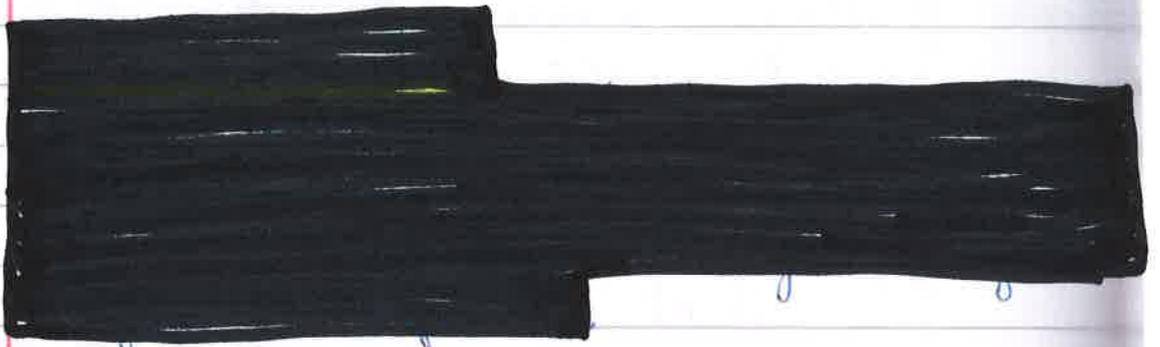
"It's acc uber boring :("

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Farm Club

I interviewed one of my friends to find out about this pastime as I have never attended.



How do you get into farm club?

You get into it by getting a letter from your form tutor at the beginning of term of year 7 or wait and then go to the farm club building itself and get one then. It costs £5 for the whole year.

What do you do once you're in?

Once you're in you can go before school at 8, at break, at lunch and after school until 4:30. I never went in the mornings but I think you just kind of feed the animals

and get them ready for the morning. At break and lunch you don't really do much, you can cuddle the rabbits or guinea pigs, maybe bottle feed lambs if there is any, tend to your vegetables or walk the dogs. After school you basically get assigned a job which is either: feeding the rabbits/guinea pigs, feeding the goats, herding the sheep or cows, groom wherever they are, collecting chicken eggs and doing basic mucking out. Then after school you can walk the dogs for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

What animals are there?

Cows, sheep, rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs, goats, hamsters (but they're in science corridor), dogs and a cat which you never actually see.

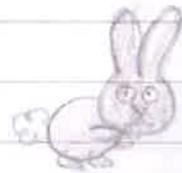
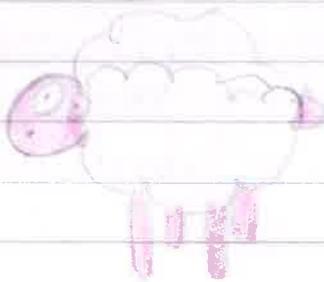
Any extra information you want to share with us?

Most people only join farm club in year 7 because they either lose interest or get or don't want to get picked on or want a life.

When people leave farm club in year 8 (this is what happened in our year), they tend to all become quite chavvy.

When you join there is an extreme risk that you'll get picked on, as I found out. But only one particular person will get picked on the most, as I found out.

Not many boys go to farm club because it's seen as "uncool".

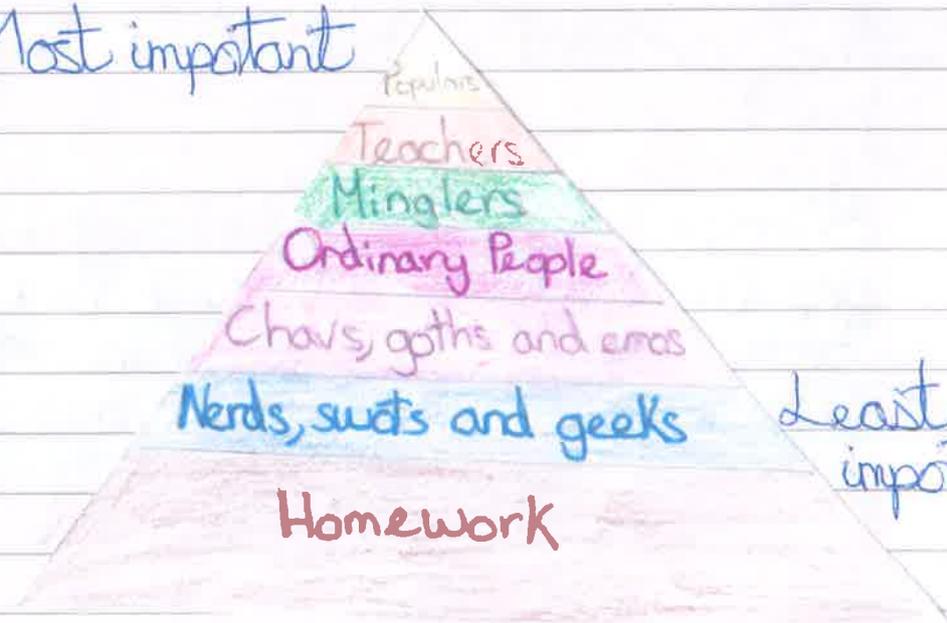


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Social Status

Most important



Populans - these people are generally considered as nightmares, bitches, bimbos or jerks if you're not one of them. Popular girls push their way up to the top through being outspoken, having an attitude, being pretty and having lots of friends. Popular boys do it by being annoying, cheeky, outspoken, having an attitude and having lots of enemies (friends who you argue with). Both never shut up during lessons and get way more attention than the teacher ever does.

Teachers - We all know who these people are and what they do. They have a fairly high status because of the punishments they can dish out on the unsuspecting pupil.

Minglers - People who are close to being populars but are not quite there yet. Some may be genuinely nice. They mingle with populars but are not one of them.

Ordinary people - Anyone who doesn't fit into the other categories.

Chavs, goths and emos - I'm still not sure what chavs are really. I know they wear hoodies say "hats up bud?" and that's about it. Apparently there's a lot of them in my year. As for goths there are barely any but there are a few emos maybe. The difference between the two? My favourite definition at the moment is: emos want to kill themselves, goths want to kill everyone else. This category may be weird but I think they have more friends than the teacher's pets below.

Nerds, surts, geeks - All of 3 of these are teacher's pets. Nerds are walking encyclopedias a lot of the time, surts are people who NEVER stop contributing to the lesson and geeks are people obsessed with a particular subject to the point of nerdiness.

Homework - As for this see pages 22-23 to get a glimpse of how it destroys your social life and spare time.



But which one am I?

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Clubs

To give you a good picture of just how many different clubs there are at SWCHS I'll show you ~~the~~ a list:

Art club, game club, music school, wise up choir, girls football club, tennis club, for boys hockey club, boys football club, drama club, Carnegie reading group, film club, design and technology club, one world group, intermediate orchestra, jazz band, Scratch club, rubix cube club, netball club, boys basketball club, tennis club for girls, dance club, street dance, Kids with ill parents club, shadowers, chequering, rugby club, cricket club, rounders club

There's probably more. By the time you get to SWCHS things may have changed. Feel free to add new clubs to the list.

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Places To Go After Lunch

Name: Spices shop

Purpose: It sells pencil case equipment, second hand uniforms, books and keys, cool random stuff (e.g: colour changing rubber duck) and much more.

Location: On the lower floor of the maths block near the entrance by the A corridor half of school.

Extra info: It's a tiny shop, sometimes you have to queue to get in. Sometimes students volunteer to help run the shop. Only open on certain days.

Name: The learning centre.

Purpose: It's pretty much a library. You can either read, do homework on the computers, photocopy something or just do homework at a table.

Location: D corridor only a couple of rooms away from the Crush Hall.

Extra info: You're not allowed to talk.

Name: Access rooms

Purpose: A classroom you go to with friends

to just hang out and chat in,

Location: Each year is assigned to particular classrooms.

Extra info: You may be allowed to do pretty much everything you're not allowed to do in the learning centre but because teachers check on you every now and then.

Name: Field

Purpose: See pages 20

Location: Behind C corridor, B corridor, A corridor, E corridor and the maths block.

Extra info: You're not allowed to eat or drink on it but nobody cares. You line up on the bottom half of it, which has a fire alarm. Only KS4 are allowed above the bank.

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Lockers

DO NOT BUY LOCKS FROM THE SPICE SHOP!!!

Why?

Because they're tiny, pathetic and easy to break. I had one in year 8 when I was sharing with Sayron and we had our locker broken into, ~~and~~ Next thing we knew someone else's padlock was on it. We visited Miss Ellis' office thousands of times but she was never there. We even left a message on a post-it note on her desk and she never did anything about it. Anyways, the moral behind this is: always buy a decent lock.

You change lockers every year you move up in school and have to choose a partner to share it with. This year I couldn't find a partner and I was fortunate enough to get a locker of my own. Be warned: this doesn't always happen.

Don't get a combination lock either. In many ways, they're just as bad as the locks bought from the Spice Shop. Not only is it easier for people to break into if you're not careful but I was actually walking down B corridor and saw someone fiddling with one. Miss Evans walked past and asked him, if it was his locker. The other boy said that he'd forgotten the combination. That was what happened then surely that's a huge disadvantage too!

As for what to put in your locker you should put your P.E. kit in it for starters as they're not allowed on the bag rack and it's easier than lugging it around school all day. You pretty much put in anything that can't stomach the bag rack, e.g. artwork.



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Technology

At the moment SWCHS is a "technical academy" or something like that. It basically means that when you choose your options in year 8 you have to pick one technology out of:

- Food tech (cooking) 
- Graphics (designing) 
- Electronics (← fairly self-explanatory) 
- Engineering (how to construct stuff) 
- Resistive materials (woodwork) 
- Textiles (sewing) 

Each term you swap technologies doing a different project each time so you get a taster of everything from year 7 to year 8.

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Awards

For good work you can get mints. Each mint = 2 points. They're basically little stickers you put in your planner.

For really good work you can get postcards. Postcard = 10 points. These are basically sent to your home by a school teacher congratulating you on whatever you need to be congratulated on.

Headteacher's Commendations are given to 1 person in each class for being awesome. They give you 20 points and are handed out by Mr Hartley at the end of each term in assembly.

Smilies you can only get in languages 5. Smilies make a mint and you get them for much more trivial good behaviour such as: contributing or being first to finish your work. You draw out the smilies (😊) in your book at the back when the teacher says you get them.

All of the points in those rewards add up to some final award if you get a certain number of points

However when you get into year 9 nobody gives out merits or smiles, instead you get ~~introduced~~ a weird online award system called the Sayran Award. I think I'll let the teachers introduce that ~~to you~~ **Awards** as I'm still unsure about it myself. You get a certificate and a prize at the end of it all

Recently a punctuality award has been developed for those with the best attendance percentage, good luck! I've got 100% for 2 years and 99 for one, I still haven't got that blooming award

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Punishments

First things first lets talk about detention because there are various different types. There are breaktime detentions, lunchtime detentions, PE detentions, class detentions and afterschool detentions. I think thats it. Here they are:

Breaktime Detentions

I can't really tell you much about these because I haven't had one yet. Populars seem to get them all the time but I don't tend to be friends with populars. However I get that the detention is most likely short and boring. If you're in there for a more specific the teacher would probably give you a good talking/yelling to.

Lunchtime Detentions

Beware - you don't have any time to actually eat any lunch. If you are told you have one buy a snack quick! During them you can either write lines, do nothing or do odd jobs given to you by the teacher. The first one I ever got of these I signed

my way through the class, tried and failed to hold a grudge and burst into tears again during detention. DON'T do what I did. Everybody gets one at some point, it's a part of life, just go with the flow. You get them for missed deadlines etc

PE Detentions

I don't know much about these but my friends do. Some of them say it's quite nice because you get to sit inside the cosy PE block and watch people stuck in bad weather outside. Sometimes you have to do odd jobs like sorting out the bins. You get these for misbehaving or for forgetting your PE kit

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Class Detentions

I haven't been in any of these, but I nearly was once and I know enough to realise punctuality is key. Me and a friend got to P13, where the detention was to be held; nobody else was there yet. The maths teacher arrived. Still nobody else did. She said we could go as we had been on time and had been good during

Lesson anyways the people who eventually arrived were probably in deep trouble. As for why people get this detention often it's because the entire class won't shut up, the teacher keeps you in using peer pressure to make a naughty kid settle up, or they give to everyone without realising there were only a few real troublemakers.

After school Detentions

Writing this up reminds me of what a goodly shoes I truly am - I have never had this detention either! You generally get it for missing another detention and a letter goes home to your parents in advance about it.

This may sound nightmarish but there are other punishments too.

Amber Warnings

You get these for being late, misbehaving and other stuff. If you get 5 you have to attend detention but nobody bothers to keep count.

Isolation

You sit in this room on your own doing your

classwork for the entire day excepting break and lunch.

On Report

You have to give a special card into your teacher in each lesson. At the end, he/she writes how you behaved, at the end of the day Miss Banks checks it over.

Suspension

Going away from school for several weeks may seem like a holiday but your parents won't see it that way. You'll be followed by disapproving looks.

Expulsion

In my time at SHKHS this only happened once when one girl "accidentally" started a fire in school. My advice is: don't do that, don't be stupid.

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Teachers - The English Department

Here are the ones I think it's worth warning you about. Oh and beware: you do so much analytical work it makes your head spin. You even start comparing people to ducks. Don't ask, you'll find out soon enough.

Miss [REDACTED]

This teacher [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] doesn't talk to you, she talks at you and always has a minor life story attached to every single piece of work you do. You spend several lessons on the same thing because she either forgot about it last lesson or simply never got round to doing the work. [REDACTED]

Miss [REDACTED]

She is my current English teacher and although she's nice she gives you homework pretty much every other day whenever she can.

Miss [REDACTED]

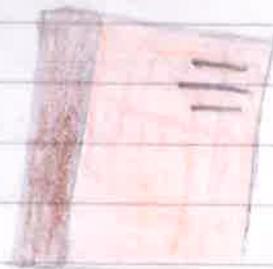
Apparently this teacher ~~really~~ won an award for her fantastic work. From what I've heard from grundy I'm not surprised this lady makes english fun.

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This is what my friend says about her:
"God help you if you have her. Don't really know what advice to give you except... do what she says and keep your head low, and there you have it. She's very strict along with other things..."

Miss Bennet

A VERY friendly ~~English~~ Australian English teacher. She's so nice! I had her for a while but then she went back to Australia. You probably won't have her but she's so awesome I thought she was worth mentioning.



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Teachers - PE Department

I don't know much about the male teachers so here goes...

Miss [REDACTED]

Considered a [REDACTED] by many of her students (I'm not quite sure why...) this teacher barely speaks above a whisper during lessons and frequently lets you out late. Often you only get to the changing room as the bell goes. One year [REDACTED] played a prank on her. They wore SD glasses and put their shirts on back to front and Miss [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Another time a few mats were left out in the hall and she made the whole class stay behind in a detention, forcing them to practise putting the mats away.

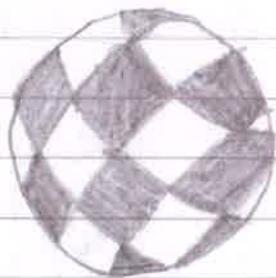
Miss [REDACTED]

A funny friendly teacher sums up this body perfectly. However she does like to make you run. A lot. 3 laps of wherever you are for a warm up.

Mr [REDACTED]

He is pretty much the only male PE teacher I know anything about. Some of the populars talk about him in my PE group. Most of them say that they want to move down to his group, not for the football of course, but for the man. I don't know why they fancy him personally, but oh well.

That's pretty much all I know about the teachers of the PE department, I hope this section helped.



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On the school website there's a Mythbuster's page. It basically answers any FAQ about SWCHS. One of the questions is something along the lines of: Does Mr. Hatley creep up on you and make you jump? The school's reaction to this question was a complete opposite to mine.

HE DOES! HE DOES! I SWEAR HE EVEN DOES IT ON PURPOSE!

Whilst we're on the subject of the headmaster there are a few more things I must warn you about:

- His Questioning - he 'randomly' comes into lesson quizzing you on the subject relentlessly