

# day in the life

of a Year 12  
student at  
Oxted School

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The day kicks off in the Sixth Form Common Room, Oxted School's grown-up zone, where Year 12s are juggling study and the pursuit of comfort.

First up is Geography. Today it's plate tectonics - earthquakes, volcanoes, and the geological forces shaping the planet. It's the kind of subject that makes you feel oddly important - like you're ready to save the planet, or at least understand how it works.

By mid-morning, you're on the hunt for a seat in the Sixth Form Common Room. It's the heart of the school for Year 12s - a place to doom scroll, revise, snack, play pool or just zone out for a bit. Finding an empty sofa is a mini victory, but eventually, you settle into a spot to catch up with friends and cram a bit before the next lesson.

Politics comes next, focusing on the UK's political system - elections, parties, and Parliament. (my personal favourite), offering deep insight into how government shapes policy and public life. By the end of the lesson, you feel equipped to understand and analyze the complexities of global politics.

Next, Business Studies challenges you to think like Stephen Bartlett. You dive into market structures and strategies, dreaming of one day running your own business, or at least an Etsy account. It's practical and full of real-world insights, even if you're still a bit fuzzy on the finer details of finance.

At lunchtime, the canteen is bustling with people trying to pick between paninis, pizzas and baguettes. It's a chance to catch up with friends and recharge for the afternoon. No matter how much you've learned, lunchtime is always a welcome reset.

By the end of the day, you've survived Geography, Politics, and Business - each class offering a different challenge and a different takeaway. You head home (maybe stop at Starbucks) feeling accomplished, but also knowing there's plenty of homework ahead.

Still, being a Year 12 at Oxted is an adventure - full of learning, debate, and those small moments that make the grind worth it.