



Dear current year 6 pupils,

I am currently in year 7 and wanted to write you a letter welcoming you to our school. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic you will not be able to have your inset days that I had, so thought I would share my experiences with you.

I was really excited to start high school but also a little nervous as it seemed such a big school compared to my primary school. The nerves will quickly go though as you soon realise that everyone is feeling the same as you and excitement takes over. The first few days at high school are so much fun. It's all about getting to know new people and making new friends. We spent the days in our forms speaking about ourselves and listening to others. We then had lots of fun activities competing against other forms so we could get to know people from other forms too. I really enjoyed the tug of war competition! During these first few days it's good to spend time with other people you did not know. This can create new friendships. My friendship is much bigger due to getting to know new people.

We were given a tour of the school with our form teacher. The first few days it seems so big but after a week you soon get used to where each classroom is. If you were to struggle those first few days, teachers are approachable and also other pupils will redirect you to where you need to be. After all we have all been in your position! At break times year 7 pupils have their own yard to stay in so it doesn't feel as busy with the older pupils. However you can go into the main yard to get hot snacks from the snack bar and same at lunch time.

My advice on your first few weeks would be to have lots of fun, be open to meeting new friends but also to be organised the night before with everything you need for the following day. Get involved in all the extracurricular activities available. I have played for the school football team this year which I have loved and can't wait to play again going forward. I have only had a few months at the school due to the pandemic, but in those few months I have learnt so much, met so many great people but most importantly I have also laughed so much too! It's going to be the best years of your life, so just enjoy it!

Take care and see you all soon

Kian Bannaghan