



Hope you are all keeping safe and well. I know from experience that coming up from primary to high school can seem intimidating but there is nothing to be worried about.

The best thing about high school is that you will always have someone to talk to, whether it be a teacher, friend or prefect. It can seem unusual when you go to a new school where you know almost nobody, but making friends is easier than it seems. If I had to say one thing about making friends, it is to just be yourself. When I was in primary school, it felt like you were pressured to like a certain thing, however in high school, you are free to follow your own path as you will always find friends with similar interests to you.

To help the days seem more organised, I made sure my bag was packed the night before and double-checked what lessons I had. Another thing that may worry people is the fire alarm. The fire alarm just sounds like the bell, just continued. If it goes off during a lesson, your teacher will take you to the field where you line up in your forms. There is nothing to worry about if this happens as your teachers will make sure nothing bad happens to you.

Finding your way around the school is not as difficult as it seems. It can feel like a labyrinth at first, but once you know which rooms are on which corridor, it seems like second nature after a few days.

My top tip for high school is to focus and smile. You will meet more friends that way. Another thing is don't be scared. Like I said, there is always someone to turn to if you need to talk. No one will ignore you or make you feel left out.

In primary school, I felt like our achievements were ignored, however in high school, your achievements are acknowledged. I think noticing achievements increases confidence because you feel like someone has finally noticed your talents.

Detentions are nothing to worry about. You won't get a detention for no good reason, and your lesson grades will also effect the detentions. The lesson grades are easy to understand. Every student starts on a 3. If your behaviour worsens during the lesson, your grade goes down to a 2 or even a 1. In contrast, though, if your teacher thinks you have gone above and beyond in lessons, you are rewarded with a 4.



The older students can seem frightening, however the teachers will soon sort out the idiots. If you feel scared at any point, don't be afraid to ask for help.