

Year 7 Welcome Messages

Hello Everyone, I'm going to talk to you about my transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and how I felt. I know it seems scary and some of you may feel worried but trust me none of the teacher's bite! One of my biggest tips is to listen in class and do your homework! Going into high school is a big deal and you must be mature. Maturity is key to becoming a young adult so what better way to start during your high school years. I was very nervous on my first day and that is normal but please just be yourself! Don't feel too much pressure to be someone you're not. Respect. Another key quality you need. Being respectful to not only your teachers but also those in higher years is so important. If you feel worried or scared about moving up to high school, there are so many people you can talk to so make sure you reach out to those who can help and speak your mind. In high school there are also so many people you can talk to like, your form tutor, head of year, the safeguarding team. Thank you for reading this, hope it helped - From RG

Dear Year 6's. High school can be a scary time for a lot of us, especially if it's your first day. I am writing this letter to you to assure you that this school is safe. There are teachers and trusted adults who can help you when you need help. Yes, I know that there are schools like Nunnery Wood and Bishops. They are both very good schools, but our school is much more special. They don't have the College Virtues. The College Virtues are probably one of the most important things in our school. You can see them all around the school. We should honour our college virtues. We are very lucky to have them. That's what makes our school so special. If something does go wrong during your time here at Blessed Edward Oldcorne, teachers deal with issues, not students. If you need to talk to someone then there are lots of people you can speak to. People like your Head of Year, your Form Tutor, Pupil Reception, a teacher from the safeguarding team and many more. When you start walking to your classes, you won't be on your own. There will be teachers walking all around the corridors if you need help finding your lesson. Thirdly, always remember to try your best. It doesn't matter if you get it wrong, just try again and again and you will eventually succeed. That is all for me. From HP

I was really excited to start high school and meet new people. I was a little bit nervous on my first day but as soon as I was in the school all the teachers were really welcoming and I soon found my friends from year 6 and made new ones. The school is much bigger than my primary school but I soon got used to where my classrooms were and now it doesn't seem so big. My favourite lessons are Art and design technology because I like to make things. From CL

You shouldn't be scared because it's a fun experience and there is nothing to be worried about. When I first joined, I was really nervous but all the teachers and students are really nice and they'll help you out. It's a really fun experience and you should just enjoy it.

From AG

In year 6, school was very easy and very relaxed. There was nothing too difficult - it was always the same easy days. When I moved onto Year 7, I realised High School was very different from Primary school and it was a big step up for me. There was a lot more homework and we had to be organised in everything. We had to be prompt to every class and we had to be very disciplined. The reason I have not yet reached a detention in High School is because the teachers let us settle down from Primary school to High school and they give us some chances for us to get used to how Secondary school life is like. Secondary school life, though, is very enjoyable because the teachers are strict when they need to be strict and fun and funny when they need to be fun/funny. I, personally, have loved secondary school more than primary school because, even though you get more homework and it's more disciplined, you get to have lots of fun. The canteen is very nice because Year 7's have their own cabin to eat from which is absolutely insane as we are the only year that get this. At the canteen, when you pay for your food, you just need to put your thumb on a scanner and they will take the money that you owe them. Assemblies are always a lot of fun: there will always be a theme for the assembly and the teachers doing the assembly will teach us about that theme. Some themes include: Poverty and wealth, Stewardship etc. Our Headteacher is really good because, even though he is strict, he always listens to people first for their view and he hands out amazing cookie vouchers. If you ever need any help with mental health, mental well - being or self-esteem, then there is always the safeguarding team led by Miss Mason who is always available. She will sort out any issues that you have. From AA

Dear year 6,

There is nothing to worry about moving into secondary school. If you're scared, don't be, there are lots of lovely teachers to take care of you! At 1st, I was really nervous, but then after a few days I settled in and made new friends. REMEMBER, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. You CAN do this! Wish you the best of luck!

From SM