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Dear Future Year 7 Pupil,

It seems only yesterday that I was in your position. One of the oldest in my school, where I knew everything and everyone, to one of the youngest in a brand-new environment. This sounds really scary as you lead up to it, but once you're there, it's not that bad!

One of the things that some of you are worrying about (and I certainly did!) is getting lost. When you arrive at the Bewdley School, it might look a little bit daunting. This wears off. But if you do ever get lost, then there are always teachers and students around who will be willing to help you and everyone is really friendly!

There will be a bell at the end of each lesson and you then have 5 minutes to walk to your next lesson. Before school and after break and lunch a bell will go when you need to be in the lesson. Some of the main corridors, like in E block, do get quite busy, however, most people are very polite and if they are just standing around, they will let you through.

Time with friends is also asked about. Even if your friend isn't in your band or tutor group, you will share the same lunch and break times. However, in your tutor group, of around 30 students, only 4 or 5 of them will have been to your school, so it's important to talk to new people and make new friends. This will help not only you, but whoever you talk to feel more comfortable about the new situation.

The cafeteria seems intimidating. This doesn't really go away, but it does get a little bit nicer. Everyone around is so loud compared to primary school and they all look like they know what they're doing. If you want to have a warm lunch inside, then find a friend who has packed lunch and who is able to sit at a table and say that someone is sat by them. Also, when your form tutor lets you out for lunch, try to go the cafeteria as quickly as possible, you will have more seating and a shorter food queue.

This would definitely have answered some of my queries, so I hope it answers some of yours!

Good luck,  
Emily

