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Dear Year 7 Pupil,

This time last year I was in your position. I wondered if I would enjoy it as much as I did my Primary School and I worried about not going to this school with some people that were my best friends. A lot of my friends went to different schools and so it was hard to say goodbye to seeing them at school every day. But trust me, you're going to get through that stage fast!

Joining Secondary School is just like taking an exam or assessment; it's nerve-wracking before you do it, but when you're doing it, you feel less nervous.

Some of the food on offer at school I think is better than what I had at Primary School and don't be tempted to spend all your weekly allowance on high priced food items at breaktime. Try to take in a snack to save money.

Don't worry too much about the amount of homework because it will not be as much as whatever you're thinking. We use an app on our phones/laptops called 'Show My Homework' which helps me to keep track of what I have to do and plan my time. You don't normally get homework in the holidays.

Unlike Primary School, you have 50-minute lessons and 5 minutes to get between each one, which is extremely easy to do when you know where you're going. It took me about 4 weeks to fully memorise the best short cuts and routes to each classroom. Some people choose to have a locker for their belongings, but you have to share these, so choose wisely!

Your form tutor group is a lot like your Primary School class, as you will spend a lot of lessons with the same people, except for lessons that are set on ability, such as science and maths. If you have friends in your tutor group then you will see them most of the time, however if you have friends in other tutor groups, sometimes you can see them in PE, Design Technology, Computer Science and Food Technology, as these classes are mixed.

I really like PE, which has been good, because you get to learn about lots of different sports that you might not ordinarily do, and so you might even find out that you're good at something that you never knew you were! There are sports teams that you can join and competitive tournaments against other schools in the area also take place.

This school has a really good reputation for subjects such as Music, Art, Drama, Dance and Design Technology and we also have a brilliant science block with good equipment.

Don't worry about everything being new, because it will be new for all of us: COVID-19 has meant that when I go back, the school will have a lot of differences than when I first joined. It will be a big change for everyone, so we're all in the same boat.

Best wishes,

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