

Hello from Secondary School

Just a quick hello from Miyuki

Writing from Aston

When I started secondary, I was really, really nervous. I was scared that the work at secondary was going to be so much harder than at primary and that I was going to find it really difficult, that all the older children were going to be rough and mean, and that I wasn’t going to make any friends and I was going to be by myself at lunch and break.

Turns out, the transition from primary to secondary is just like everyone had said it was and as soon as I got to school and saw that everyone in my year was in the same boat as me, I wasn’t so nervous anymore. Eventually, by the end of the day, those nerves had completely died away.

The work in year 7 just carries on from year 6; the only difference is that you are in a different school and there are lots of new methods of learning things. On my first day, I didn’t understand a task , I didn’t want to ask for help because I didn’t know any of the people in my class or my teacher. Eventually, I did ask and the teacher explained it really well in a way I now understood. I felt so much better afterwards and I was glad that I had asked.

Everyone at Chellaston is really kind and helpful so I didn’t have any problems with older students being rough or unkind. I made new friends quickly – but even if I hadn’t, I now know that there are so many diverse activities and clubs at lunchtimes everyday that there was no way that I would have been by myself anyway!

By the end of my first week, I knew my way round the school and what to expect from each day at the academy. Soon, I knew everybody in my form/ set’s names. At the year 7 residential at the end of September, I got to know a lot more people in my year group, especially people from the other half of the year as your day groups are mixed with teaching and learning.

One thing that I wish I had known on my first day is that I had nothing to be worried about!

Good Luck! :)

