

Dear future year 7,

You might be a little nervous, or maybe not, but if you are please do not worry. When I started year 7 at Verulam I was pretty nervous. I was a little bit scared about going to such a 'big' school full of older and much bigger boys (I had only just gotten used to being in the oldest class at Primary School!!!!). I didn't really talk to any one at first but if you are reading this and you get to go into Churchill (like me) you could have Mr. Knowles as a form tutor (if he hasn't stopped being a form tutor) and you might play this game where every one says their name and a fact about themselves. I found some of the facts about my new classmates very interesting and that's how I made some friends because I realised that many of them had the same interests as me.

You might be scared about what the teachers are like but you don't have to worry about that at all because all of the teachers are very nice. Some of them are very funny, others are very kind and they all want you to enjoy your lessons and most importantly of all, they all want you to be happy at Verulam.

You might be scared about the homework and admittedly there is a lot more homework than you will be used to at primary school but again you do not need to be worried. There is an app (where all the homework is set and explained) which organizes all your homework for you so you can see exactly what you need to do and when it is due. The app is called 'Show my Homework' you can download it on your phone or if you don't have one you can get it on a computer or laptop. All of the homework that you will get always relates to the same things that you are doing in class and a lot of the time the homework is fun and interesting.

You may also be scared about what the lessons are like, or you might be nervous about 'new' subjects that you haven't done before. I can again say that you shouldn't be worried about this. Let us say that your least favorite subject is PE... You might not have liked it in primary school (like me) but when I did it at Verulam it was the best PE class I ever had and it is now one of my favorite subjects (along with Maths and History, which were also certainly not my favourites at primary school). What I'm trying to say is that you might not have liked a certain subject in primary school but it might easily become your favorite subject at Verulam.

I was a little nervous about going to Verulam at first but it didn't take long at all for me to love it and realise that I didn't need to be nervous or worried about anything.

Kind regards,

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P.S. If you do come to Verulam next year, I will be in Year 8 but please try and find me and tell me that you read my letter and if you have any more questions or worries I will be happy to try and help you.