

Dear Year 6,

Welcome to Verulam!!

If you are reading this then you have definitely chosen the right school. Actually, I bet right now you are buying your Verulam uniform, sorting out your stationery, spending as much time with your friends before you depart on your Verulam journey and worrying about your transition from Primary school to secondary school. I am writing this to reassure you that you have nothing to worry about and to make your start to Verulam feeling happy.

For a start, it's normal to worry about your transition and you shouldn't feel embarrassed or ashamed that you're worrying about moving because what you don't know, when you move to Verulam, the other 159 people that are starting Year 7 are having the same anxious thoughts that you have. I have completely no idea how your first day will be like, because by the time you arrive there might be no more COVID, I will just tell you how my day was like. I walked into the school and was greeted by a very kind Mr Knowles who you may have if you're in Churchill house like me. I only knew two people from my primary school that were in my class so everyone else were complete strangers to me. We had a school tour and then we just played games and challenges and things like that until break. At break and lunch for a couple weeks, as we didn't really know anyone else, me and my 7 other primary school friends hung out together in the playground. But eventually we got to know other people and made lots of new friends.

Currently, for about 10 years, Mr. Ramsey has been our headteacher but when you will arrive we will have a new headteacher called Miss Richardson. So also remember it's your headmistress' first day as well! Ms. McNally is your head of year and she is the best head of year ever and there is also a team of amazing form tutors.

I hope I have calmed your worried thoughts and I wish you all the best for your seven-year journey at Verulam.