

## Letter 5 from Ellie

Dear Year 6,

Hello, I hope everybody is staying safe in these strange times.

Everybody from Shavington Academy is looking forward to meeting you in September. This year seems to have flown by! I hope you are excited to join us and become a student at Shavington Academy. Your head of year, Miss Hughes, is very excited to meet you.....and I am too!

You may be nervous joining a new school with different children and lots of older students, but there is no need to be. I was nervous too when I started but after a few days, I realised that I shouldn't have been. Transition mentors will be with you on your first week so you can find classrooms and not get lost. The school may seem big but after a couple of days, you will know it like the back of your hand. I was worried about getting lost when I first started and after a few days, I was fine! If you can't find your way to one of your classrooms, just ask. Everybody is happy to help! The year 10 and 11's may look scary, but even they would be happy to help you too.

Going to high school is very exciting. You get to experience different lessons that you didn't do in Primary school. You will be in classes with other children from different schools. My friendship group now includes lots of children that I didn't go to Primary school with and they are all lovely. High school is the perfect opportunity to make new friends. In my subject lessons, I didn't have many friends that I went to Primary school with but I quickly made friends with everyone who I sat next to!

There are afterschool clubs with lots of different things to choose from. There is usually something happening every day after school. Also, there are Lunch time clubs as well if you want to do some activities with your friends.

The cafeteria is open in the morning, selling waffles and drinks; its open at break, to buy hot and cold snacks; and at lunch it is open for hot and cold food. You don't have to have a school meal though; you can bring in a packed lunch. Just remember you will need to carry it around with you or put it in your locker if you choose to have one.

In year 7, you won't get homework during the first week, you don't have to worry about that. All homework is recorded via an app called 'Show my homework' or 'SMHW'. You will be provided with log in details for this and your parents will be able to see it too. Your teachers will set your homework tasks on the app and you will normally have 2 weeks to complete each piece.

Here are some tips for when you join high school:

- Make friends in your classes
- Make sure you know your timetable
- Carry a light-weight bag
- Make sure you have a pencil case with all the essentials in

- Don't be scared
- Believe in yourself
- Keep track of homework

I, as a mentor, am really excited to welcome you to Shavington Academy. I think you will enjoy it.

Ellie

I went to Wistaston Church Lane Academy