



Bluecoat Wollaton
believe in yourself, in others, in God

Digital letters from Current year 7's



Hi year 6

My name is David and I am in year 10 Braithwaite. At the very start of year 7, I was a bit scared because I did not move to the same school as my friends from primary school but I went and I spoke to some people and they became some of my good friends. There are loads of things to look forward to like P.E which is personally my favourite lesson because of football and there is enrichment on Thursdays where you don't do lesson for the last hour of school and you are selected to do different activities, which you will enjoy. As you come to school, one of your biggest fears might be seeing children who are bigger than you, but there is no need to be afraid. They were once in your place and know how it feels to be at a bigger school with bigger people so I'm sure they will try to be mindful of you but if you feel like you need any help me and the other student ambassadors are here to help so welcome to bluecoat Wollaton academy and have a wonderful summer holiday.

Dear year 6,

My name is Tami and I am in year 7. The first time I got here, I was immediately nervous for three reasons: I could not understand my timetable; I was lost, and I hardly knew anyone. Then a year 11 walked up to me and asked, "Are you lost?" I nodded and stood up. I showed them my timetable and they took me to the class. After that, I wasn't afraid and realised that people are friendly. I have been here for 8 months, but I have already fell in love with this school. Welcome to the bluecoat family. I like Bluecoat because they are encouraging, helpful and it is a world-class school. I have loved the competitions that I have represented the school with. My favourite subject is P.E because this subject has always been fun to me and my teacher is always very kind. If you are determined that you will do well in secondary, then all you have to do is believe and your faith can take you along way.

Hi Year 6,

Welcome to Bluecoat Wollaton Academy. My name is Addriana and I am in Year 7 Mellors. When I started at Bluecoat Wollaton, I was very excited and nervous all at the same time. I knew a few people from my primary school, but I wanted to make lots of new friends as well. I made sure I said hello to as many people as I could and always had a smile on my face. I asked people questions about them and really got to know a fair few people. We have lots of exciting lessons that are different from primary school, like DT, PE and science where you will be doing lots of different experiments. PE is one of my favourite subjects. On your first day, you will have a timetable, my advice would be to make a copy and keep it in your room or planner, and so you can plan and pack your bag for each day. The biggest difference at secondary school is that you move classes each time you have a new lesson. Don't worry about getting lost, as a student ambassador I am here to help you and don't be afraid of asking anyone, they will happily help you. You will soon get use to the rooms and where you need to be. Have a good summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

From Addriana

Primary school: Mornington Primary school

Hi Year 6,

My name is Karmen; I am a Year 10 student ambassador. My role as an ambassador is to make sure you settle into Bluecoat Wollaton Academy and to make sure you know you are not by yourself, many other children in your year will be in the same position. My advice would be to take part in a variety of activities as you can, this will ensure that you will meet lots of other people and it will help you to make friends. Make sure you are organised for the day ahead, to make it easier for you, I would suggest that you pack your bag the night before, so you are not rushing in the morning. When I first came to secondary school in Year 7, I was quite nervous and wasn't sure what to expect, due to the fact that I was the only one from my primary school going to Bluecoat. As soon as I started school, I made an effort to talk to people, so I wasn't alone and had people to talk too. Even today, I am still friends with those people I met in Year 7. Although Bluecoat is bigger than my primary school, I soon realised that secondary school is not as bad as I thought it was going to be. In Year 7, you will have a lot of very different lessons from those at primary school that you will enjoy. My favourite lesson in Year 7 was science, because we did a lot of practical experiments and it was very interesting. Finally, I just want to say, don't worry about coming to secondary school because we are all here to support you.

From Karmen (Inglis)

Primary school: Fernwood Primary school

Letter to year 6:

Hello year 6,

I'm Andrew, deputy head boy at Bluecoat Wollaton & a student ambassador assisting with your transition. Making the step up to secondary school is a very daunting prospect for most people, but it's not as scary as you may fear. Like you, I was very apprehensive about joining a new school & mixing in with lots of new people & whilst it was still quite scary, it wasn't anywhere near as traumatic as I feared. Whenever possible, I would advise that you take every opportunity to get to know people. Make sure the teachers know who you are as well & don't be scared about getting involved. There will be lots of opportunities to join in with extra-curricular activities & clubs. These are a fantastic way to get to know some people who maybe you haven't met before as well as doing something you really enjoy. I'm sure you will enjoy the broad range of subjects that you will have & whilst the school may seem big & easy to get lost in at first, you will soon be able to navigate your way around. To make your move to secondary school as easy for yourself as possible, remember to always be organised. Make sure your bag is packed the night before & make sure you know your timetable. There will always be people looking out for you so if you have any worries, you can always come to the student ambassadors, who will be obviously marked out with their red shirts.

Have a great summer & we all look forward to meeting you in September!

From Andrew Arkle

Primary school: Seely

Hi, Year 6,

Welcome to Bluecoat Wollaton Academy. My name is Sasha and I am in 10WI (Inglis).

When I first started school, I experienced a mixture of feelings like nervousness and excitement. I felt a tinge of worry when I thought about making new friends, having new teachers, and learning new subjects. With that being said, it is only natural to worry about change and new experiences, when we don't know exactly how things will pan out. But let me put your mind at ease with a few tips:

- Stay organised by using your planner, school map and timetable
- Get involved with classroom activities, especially those that are new to you
- Look at all the after-school activities that the school has on offer and pick one that feels right for you
- Make sure you have all of your equipment

When I started at Bluecoat Wollaton I was very fortunate to know a few people from my primary school, but I was still nervous about making new friends. However, I soon found out, that there was no need to worry because when you are situated within your form group and given everything you need (your planner, a map and timetable) we did ice breakers and I realised that everyone was really friendly, and my form tutor answered all the questions I had. I really wanted to make some new friends, so I made sure to talk to everyone and got to know people. I am still good friends with many of them today.

There are also many fun lessons, my personal favourites are History, Science, English and Maths. I especially like science because we do many fun experiments! I also love sports and luckily, Bluecoat Wollaton has many clubs and teams, so I would highly recommend checking out the clubs and joining. As it is a good way to get to know people, and it's a lot of fun too!

Do not worry about getting lost, as a student ambassador I am here to help you, along with the rest of the team.

Have a good summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September!

From: Sasha

Primary school: Dunkirk Primary School

Dear Year sixes,

Moving to secondary school is a big challenge, and it may seem like another world, but it really isn't. When I first came to this school, I was quite apprehensive, would I make friends? What do I do if I get lost? Just to name a few. However, all these worries went out of the window due to the huge amount of support from all of the teachers and the whole academy community. I love coming to Bluecoat Wollaton Academy because as well as teaching us subjects like: Maths, English etc. It is also about becoming mature and well-mannered individuals when we leave in Year 11. When you first come to the school in Year 7 you will take part in a weekly activity, period 5 as part of the enrichment program. For me this was extremely beneficial because it allowed me to connect and make friends within my tutor group. Once you start here, you generally settle in really quickly and thinking about it now it makes me realise that I have been coming to this school for almost a year now! All of the teachers at BWA are really caring and supportive, which really helps when you are finding your feet at this school. Don't be afraid- you will be fine.

Charlotte

Seely Primary School



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