

Dear Year 6 students,

I decided to write to you as it's a very strange time at the moment. I am sure there are many things you are a little nervous about like if you will go back to school and see your teachers, if you will get to visit your new senior school before term starts in September, if you will get to see your friends again before the summer is over.

I hope that you are coping well during lockdown. I thought it would be a bad experience but I am enjoying being able to take a break from my studies to jump on the trampoline and gymnastics mat to exercise. I'm also enjoying working out with Joe Wicks on You Tube at 9am each weekday morning. However, I am missing seeing my friends at school.

About this time last year I was very nervous about leaving Brookside and moving to East Leake Academy. I was very worried about making new friends and getting lost in the building, but don't worry - it's normal to feel like that.

It can feel a bit overwhelming moving schools, but the teachers give lots of support to help you settle in. You will have a form tutor that you see every morning. You can go to them to get help if you get stuck on anything.

I enjoyed the transition day but please don't worry if you don't get to have one as it's easy to find your way around and you will settle in faster than you think. I found my first day at senior school was good although a little scary at first but my confidence grew especially when I was able to find my way around and get to the classrooms on time. It was a tiring day. I especially like being able to sit outside and eat my sandwiches in the sun on a nice warm day. There is a lot more homework compared to year 6 but I got through it and so will you!

There are lots of new exciting subjects like art, cooking and textiles and some that I find boring but I won't say which ones as you might find them all great. You will be given a timetable and have to move to a different classroom for each subject. There are also lots of afterschool activities that you can join in with. This is a great way to meet lots of new friends. Perhaps you will join in with drama, or dancing or netball.

Let's hope we won't be in lock down in the summer so that you can come and visit us. We can't wait to meet you all.

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