

Dear Y6 Students,

I can imagine that you are all going through a rough time right now due to the corona virus and are probably wondering about school and what's going to happen. To be honest, I can't say anything about that for sure but I can definitely tell you my experiences from when I first went to Ela so you have an idea of what to expect when you start your journey there.

Before I started Ela, I was nervous and scared because I thought that I wouldn't have any friends and I would be left out constantly and I wouldn't understand any of the work. If you are thinking things like that let me assure you that you have nothing to worry about! Everyone there is lovely and you will make a load of friends – there will be so many people in your year group, trust me when I went up I was surprised to see so many people all in my year. My transition days were some of the best. It's a good opportunity to get to know the school, get to know the teachers and also get to know the people in your year! You will all be given a mini timetable of the two days that you are there and it probably won't be in your timetable in year 7 and you probably won't be in the same tutor either.

Before I started Ela, I was excited about seeing all of my old friends from other primary schools and also I was excited about having different teachers and not the same one every single day. My first week was very relaxed and we didn't have any homework and it was all about getting used to everything. On the first day it was just year 7 so we could start to work our way around – trust me when I say it gets easier. In my first term, I made so many new friends and got to know so many new people, there are over 100 people in my year so it wasn't that hard. You have absolutely nothing to worry about when you come up.

In Ela, you have to move around the school to get to your next lesson unlike primary where you are always in the same classroom. You will probably have different people in each of your lessons but its just an opportunity to make more friends! It will probably take a little while for the teachers to know your name because they won't be seeing you all the time but they will get there eventually so don't worry about that. You will get a lot more homework than you got at primary so prepare yourselves for that but I'm sure you will be fine.

Tutor time/PDL is the best part of my day! My tutor is Miss Higgins, harrier, and we all just have the best time ever. It is the first 15 minutes of your day and it prepares you for the next 6 lessons of the day. Chances are, you will have completely different people in your tutor to the people in your other lessons but don't worry about that – I'm sure you will all get along. In tutor you can talk to people, we have different activities sent from other teachers, we can celebrate achievements like merits and so much more.

Personally, I have made so many new friends and its great because you know that there will always be people there for you no matter what. You probably will not like everyone but that's expected but you will probably have so many friends that you wont even need to worry about the people you don't like. Our school has many extra curriculum activities such as basketball club, football club, writing clue, languages club, homework club and so many more. I don't do any but loads of my friends do and highly recommend them so go and give everything a try!

Hope to see you soon!

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