



Dear Year 6,

I am writing because you will be starting Cardinal Newman in September and I wanted to welcome you to our school and our community.

When I first started I was nervous but also excited. When you first start you will meet new people from different schools and you will meet some of your friends from your old school. Soon after I had joined Cardinal Newman I had made some new friends and we are still friends now, I am also still friends with some people from my old school who have joined Cardinal Newman. When you are getting to school it brightens your day up and also awakens you if you are still a little tired you meet your friends and get to have a bit of a chat.

I believe you are going to love your time at Cardinal Newman as I have because during the school day, it is very well organised as you will have two 1-hour lessons and then a break, two more lessons for 1 hour and then lunch break and after that you will have your last lesson for 1 hour. Your break is for 20 mins and your lunch break is for 40 mins. We also have a two-week timetable with our different lessons.

During the summer I got all my uniform and equipment ready. It's true that you have a uniform to wear which does look really smart and organised, you have pockets in your blazer on each side which you can put your phone, pens, calculators and other stuff.

Why have I enjoyed my time at Cardinal Newman? Well that's easy. There are so many activities to choose from that suit everybody. I enjoy basketball, football and ping pong. My favourite subject is Science because we learn three topics. One of them is Biology which I am really excited because we get to learn about animals and organisms.

During break and lunch, you can go down to the canteen to grab a snack and there is so much choice such as pizza, chips, burgers, fish, bolognaise. The food is really good and tasty. While you are in the queue you may be next to someone you don't know and can have a conversation with.

My favourite part of Year 7 so far, has been being selected to play in my first basketball match where I got to block some of the opposite players from passing and scoring. Some handy tips for transition are to start with a positive attitude. I would advise you keep your planner with you at all times so you can check where you're going if you forget. Make sure you have everything you need and don't worry – there is always someone around to help you and talk things through with you.

We warmly welcome you to your new school community. I think that you are going to enjoy Cardinal Newman because you have lots of activities and enrichments to choose from during your spare time and after school. I can guarantee that you will enjoy every day at Cardinal Newman as you will have your friends and teachers to help you.

*Best wishes,
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