



Dear Year 6,

*I am writing a letter to introduce you to our school and let you know about some key facts.*

*Going to secondary school might seem a little bit overwhelming, well it did to me, but then after a few weeks I realised that there is nothing to worry about. A lot of you might not know exactly where to go, so just ask someone in the higher year group. We are here to help you settle. There are many kind and genuine teachers and students there that would happily escort you to your next lesson if you were to get lost. It took me about 2 weeks to know my way around the whole school. I know it seems big but really, it's not. It is made up of 12 blocks, a playground and a big field.*

*Sports and activities:*

*There is a wide range of sports and after-school activities to choose at Cardinal Newman, such as: Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby to name a few. There is also a lot of after-school subject activities such as Art club, Technology club, Basketball club and much more. Surely there is a sport for you.*

*I am in the rugby and the basketball teams. Oh, and I forgot to mention that you do two different activities in P.E a week and this is compulsory, so there is no slipping out of that one!*

*Cardinal Newman prides itself in its school uniform so make sure you have the correct uniform on each day and you bring your correct PE kit and stationery. We have a canteen on site and the food is nice but you can also bring a packed lunch, and the canteen is not too pricey.*

*We also have a reward points system called **Aspire** points, these points are given for good behaviour and good work and homework so you have something to achieve.*

*All the teachers are here to support students and are happy to help, so if you find anything a struggle you can speak to your tutor, teachers or Head of Year.*

*I hope this letter gives you a brief summary on what our school can offer and we look forward to welcoming you into year 7. I personally hope you are looking forward to starting your secondary school journey at Cardinal Newman and you settle well in to school life as quickly as possible.*

*Best wishes,*

*Kian Murray*