

Welcome year 7

How did I feel ?

When I first came to Belle Vue Girls' Academy, I was completely terrified and scared because there was only one girl I knew that was from my primary school and was coming to Belle Vue .We would chat to each other about how we couldn't wait to go and how we both were so excited, but as the weeks turned into days and the days turned in to hours (and the hours turned in to minutes) I started to get really nervous. Soon summer was over and it was the last night of summer and the first night of secondary school. I was absolutely terrified! I thought to myself, 'There is no way I can go to sleep!' but somehow I managed to shut my eyes and all I was doing was dreaming. I was quite lucky on the first morning of secondary school because I woke up early. I am an early bird, but I just couldn't eat breakfast. However, I managed to shove a piece of fruit in my mouth!

What was school like?

When I first stepped inside I thought to myself, 'It's going to take me months to find my way around here!' Now, thinking back to what I said gives me the giggles every time because it certainly did not take me that long. It took me about a week or two and I'm sure it will take you year 7s less than that. I wasted my time worrying about what would happen if I got lost. But all I can say as a year 8 student is DO NOT WORRY because there are students and teachers you can. Remember, no matter what corridor or floor you're on they will always be someone there for you to guide you and even if you get late to the lesson I'm pretty sure the teachers won't shout because they know you're brand new to all this. If you ever need to go to the lavatory you can go at break and lunch, but try not to go in lessons. Remember, if you have a medical note you can get a toilet pass and go anytime you want so no one ever needs to worry about that issue.

Should you worry about making friends?

My answer to that question is NO because in secondary school there are a lot more students than in primary and who knows you might meet your best friend there. I had no problems making friends because I'm a chatty person but if you feel like your quite antisocial to other people here are some sentence starters hopefully they aren't too awkward for you :

- Hello - what's your name?
- Your hair looks lovely did you do it? / Your scarf looks lovely did you do it ?
- I like your bag where did you get it from?
- Your shoes are nice where did you get it from?

Is Bellevue a friendly environment?

YES , of course it is . If you ever feel you need to talk to someone there is the pastoral team and the safe guarding team and there is also your head of year. They are all a big help and if you're being bullied, cyber bullied or just generally don't feel safe you can always talk to them they would listen to you no matter what!

I would definitely say eat well because you don't want to be eating junk! The school day is long and you do need a balanced diet. At lunch you can go outside or to the library - it's completely your choice, but I would say go to your lessons a few minutes early especially if you don't know where it is!

Memorable /funny moments

It was the end of class and one of my friends asked the teacher if she could clean the board. The teacher said yes but my friend wasn't tall enough so she asked if she could borrow my chair. I said, 'Yes.' I then got ready to sit down but I had forgotten she took my chair and I ended up on the floor with everyone laughing at me! It was a major blush, but I had to admit it was funny !

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A Letter To All The New Year 7!

Hi my name is Libah Hussain and I will be telling you about my experience going to Year 7 for the first time. So you all might be thinking it's big and scary and think you might get lost but it's actually not that bad you know. I know you might be very nervous but it's a normal feeling for everyone. I had the same feeling as all of you but once you get to go to the school and go there you will feel so much better. The school is great and the students and teachers are caring and lovely.

The school is big and great but just because it's big doesn't mean it's scary at all. We have lots of classrooms and we have lots of areas where you can go at break and lunch. It is brilliant and if you ever get lost they are such kind students and teachers that will help you if you are lost or upset.

At break and lunch you can get food from the canteen or the quad and then sit outside or on the blue benches or the cafeteria. You can have fun and enjoy yourselves. My most memorable moments in Year 7 was having so much fun with my friends and lots of fun trips to go to. Year 7 is the most fun year ever. Thank you!