

Transition from primary school – words of encouragement from Year 7 students

Hello Year 6 students. We are looking forward to meeting you all in September and although you have not had the transition day that other year groups have previously had, do not worry. Staff and students at Hewens College are kind, friendly, welcoming and are here to help. We have answered some questions that you have and hope that you are excited for the next step in your learning journey.

What were you worried about when you started at Hewens?

“I was worried about how the classes would be and the teaching. But it turns out, it was really great.”

“I was worried about all the hard work I was going to do and that I needed to take more responsibility for my learning.”

What were you excited about when you started at Hewens?

“I was excited about the French lessons because I barely knew any French as I didn't do it in primary school.”

“I was excited to make new friends from other school and year groups. I was already excited about the opportunity to learn lots of new skills.”

What subjects do you learn about that you didn't at primary school?

“In primary, I didn't do much French so that was a new subject. Citizenship and Performing Arts were also new subjects for me.”

“In my primary school, we didn't get to do Food Technology and at Hewens College we get to do lots of great Science practicals.”

What are the main differences between primary school and Hewens?

“The College has much higher expectations which would be good as it helps me to make targets for myself. There are lots more subjects which will help you get a job in the future and I have lessons in lots of rooms rather than just one in primary school.”

“The lessons are split into periods and we get to have different specialist teachers for our lessons instead of just one or two.”

Give one piece of advice for a new Year 7 student starting in September.

“I would tell a new Year 7 student not to worry and that the teachers would easily help them get through the year just fine with all the other classmates and friends.”

“Study hard, be nice, be yourself and listen to the teachers.”

From Mohamed H and Zannatul S