

Hello all Year 6s who are coming to join our Bedford High family in September 2020.

My name is Darcy and I am currently a year 7 pupil, I was in your position this time last year with the same worries, fears and feeling nervous all mixed together with excitement. These are all natural feelings and everyone will be feeling just like you. You are not alone. Any worries you have talk about them; don't keep them locked up. Sharing your worries with friends, family and teachers will take away the fear of starting high school.

It is natural to feel nervous about starting this new journey as you are about to meet a lot of new people who will become your new friends and teachers and this is where the excitement begins. High school will seem so different from your primary school, but it really isn't that different, yes bigger but don't worry about getting lost there is always someone around to help don't be afraid to ask, and more people around you but same as in lessons but with extra ones like DT, Enterprise and Food tech, you will also get break times.

As you start your day in school at 8.30am you will see plenty of signs around school displaying Ready, Respect, Safe - Always be ready to learn, respect not only yourself but others and move around safely to your next lesson.

In between your lessons you will get breaks where you will be able to go to the bistro or the outdoor snack shack where you can purchase lovely fresh food and drinks and meet up with all your new friends. Also at lunch time you will have the opportunity to attend a wide selection of clubs like Drama group or choir which will give you the chance to be in the summer and Christmas performances the brilliant Arts faculty put together.

My favourite subject at school is PE, I love football and trampolining and what I feel gave me confidence was going to extra activities and trying out for sports teams representing the school.

Here at Bedford we have a smart uniform that must be worn every day as it makes you feel you have a real feel of belonging.

You will also need to bring your essential equipment like pens and pencils and your planner to school everyday as this will have all the information you need about what lessons you have and where and any homework you have been given can be recorded in it.

Our school values are:

To Care, To Learn, To Achieve and this means we here at Bedford care for others, always try our best to learn to our full potential that will then give us the opportunity to achieve our goals.

So all I can say is come with an open mind, please don't worry, there will be plenty of friendly faces and lots of people to talk to. I really look forward to meeting you all.

Stay safe and see you all soon
Darcy 7.7