

Hello, I'm Finn. I have just completed my first year at Bedford High School after moving up from St Thomas' Primary School. My first thought about Bedford was how big it was and, like every other pupil, I thought I was going to get lost. Turns out I only got lost once when I couldn't find my Drama class but I asked a teacher who told me. So, any worries that you may have be sure to speak to your parents, an older brother or sister that has been or still goes to Bedford, or ask any of the teachers once you start.

The biggest change from Primary is that you have your lessons in different rooms. I think it makes the day go quicker and you get a mini break in between each lesson. Food Tech and D&T are lessons I'd never done at primary school so I was looking forward to those. My favourite lesson is PE, obviously, as I love sports and the teachers are enthusiastic and funny. Having lots of different lessons gives you the chance to develop new skills and find out which subjects you really enjoy and would like to study further in GCSEs or at College.

At Bedford there are lots of various clubs, teams and activities you can become involved with. I'm involved in a few extra-curricular activities as I play on the school football and rugby team. We train after school and go to other schools for matches. I think we should play more though as the 'lovely' Leigh weather does stop a lot of matches!

Whilst in Year 7 I've been on the museum and zoo trip to Birmingham where all the year camped out in the museum overnight. I was going to go on the London trip but I love my sleep too much! There are plenty of opportunities to go on school trips if you want to. They give you the chance to make new friends in your year group and to feel part of Year 7 from the beginning.

I've enjoyed my first year at Bedford, although it's gone a lot quicker than I expected. I've had to become more independent to make sure that I remember all the books and kit I need for the day. Even though I moved to Bedford with most of my friends from primary school I've made lots of other friends. I've become more trusted at home because my parents can see that I've been responsible in walking to and from school. The teachers are helpful if you've got any issues. Even the queue for lunch isn't as bad as I thought it would be. Oh, and even though the pizza tastes really nice!

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