

Year 7

**Welcome to
Chesterton Community
Sports College**



From Our CCSC Prefects



Hello, my name is Alex Hughes, and I moved up to CCSC in 2018. I transitioned from Bursley Academy and came to CCSC with only a few close friends, who were put in different forms to me. I was worried I wouldn't be able to make new friends, but you quickly find out everyone is basically in the same situation as you. I made some new friends, and now in year 10 our friendship group is still the same as it was. If you are worried your friends have been put in other forms like mine, it's fine you'll find friends easily.

Coming to high school can seem quite daunting but overall, I thought the transition from primary school to secondary was very smooth. The teachers were welcoming and supportive to all students, and I felt comfortable in the learning environment I was in. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic the school adapted well and because we have iPads to do our work on, we were able to do online lessons through Microsoft teams, which helped retain some sense of normality even though we were at home. In my time at CCSC I have greatly developed my self-confidence and general academic ability, and becoming a prefect has been another opportunity to develop skills such as leadership and public speaking. For example, in the recent year 8 options evening I helped to guide parents around the building when they were lost.

At CCSC, there are a huge range of trips, events and activities going on all the time. Trips to London to see the Houses of Parliament, Creative Learning Week, a skiing trip to Italy and many more. In fact, next February I am going to Berlin with other GCSE history students, there is bound to be something you will like here. In addition to this, there are also many extra-curricular activities to do, me and my friends play badminton every Tuesday after school.

Finally, the staff are extremely accommodating, I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in October last year, and coming back to school I was nervous it wasn't going to be the same, but I was surprised how organised the school were, there is a medical room and a screen where I can do my injections (my body doesn't produce insulin so I have to inject it instead), I have spares in my own box in case I run out, the school is well prepared. I know this probably doesn't apply to you, but it might help to soothe any doubts you have about coming here.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

Alex H

Hi, my name is Alicia Brearley, I came up to high school from Bursley Academy. In September I will be going into year 11. When I came to high school, I was very excited about meeting new people and having lots of new opportunities. I know it can seem scary but everyone is very friendly and welcoming. You have nothing to be afraid of as everyone is so kind. You don't need to worry about fitting in as you will meet lots of new people. There are lots of new, exciting opportunities that you can get involved in. I have met lots of new friends and I enjoy everything. One of the things I love the most about high school are the clubs, I really enjoy them and have fun doing them and being part of a team. I am part of the netball team and I really enjoy playing against other netball teams. I have been to the swimming gala and to Northwood Sports Stadium. I have also done leadership in GCSE PE, we went to Keele University and taught primary school children how to play new different games. You have all of these new opportunities to look forward to when you come here.



Anna Cooper
Hempstalls Primary school
Current pupil of Chesterton Community Sports College

My memory is generally pretty bad, but even I can remember the anticipation building up to the transition to high school. Only to be left totally underwhelmed, trust me, high school is nowhere near as dramatic as your fellow classmates may have led you to believe, to be honest it's somewhat anticlimactic. So, my point is, is that it's actually pretty laid back when you first transfer to high school, you won't be the odd one out, everyone else is equally as unaware as you are, teachers here are probably more lenient than your primary school ones, and I, personally, have had way less homework assigned to me than I used in primary school. Anyway, enjoy yourselves, most of your fears will be utterly unfounded and you'll probably soon find yourself enjoying your newfound freedom and subjects. At this point I'm probably projecting my younger self onto whomever reads this, for all I know you may already have the right attitude and find yourself entirely unbothered by your move up to high school, so, instead of reassuring your possibly non-existent fears, I will try to sell the school to you a little. So, at Chesterton, there is a no homework rule but the focus is on independent learning. Your teachers won't assign you homework weekly, instead you get quizzes on teams or a blooket, I don't know if you are entirely familiar with what those are but summarily, blookets are more of a game to test your subject knowledge. The highlight of my school life so far would probably be Creative Learning Week, and you'll probably find that many you if asked, will say the same. Creative Learning Week gives you the opportunity to go out on lots of trips. I've only actually been on one due to COVID but I'm sure you'll be fortunate enough to go on a couple. During Creative Learning Week you will be offered lots of different options to choose between, whether that's staying at school making a movie or a game, visiting a chocolate factory, taking a trip around the country, or, as I chose, going to theme parks. So, don't worry there will be plenty of prefects around to give you a hand when you first move up and going forwards after that, if in doubt, ask one of us, the bright yellow badge is pretty hard to miss.



Armie Litherland
Crackley Bank Primary School

Hello, my name is Armie and I have been at high school for four years and all I can say is what a wonderful school Chesterton is. The teachers are so kind and respectful and help you out whenever needed. I was pretty nervous about coming to high school as I was a bit of naughty child at time, but I have matured and found my feet, and I can say I've become a respectful, young adult. I want to reassure everyone coming to Chesterton that it is a very good choice, it's settled me down, and gives you many opportunities to 'be the best you can be!' Since starting in year 7, I have become a History and English Leader and now a School Prefect which I couldn't be happier about. I can't wait to be given other opportunities in the future, and personally I think I am going to have a good future because I studied at Chesterton.

Hello Year 6 pupils and parents,

My name is Ashley Powell and I attended St Chads primary school.

I understand moving to secondary school can seem like a big step up from primary and a lot does change, but for the better. Firstly, in high school you become more independent and subsequently it is more enjoyable. My first day of school I was so nervous, everyone was 10 feet tall and my grandad had to walk me in. Lucky there was quite a few of people I knew. Two of my friends came with me so even on the first day I wasn't alone. As we were playing at break Miss Waterhouse (our Deputy Head) introduced my friend Josh to us as nobody from his primary school came to CCSC. This was great as we had a new friend and so did, he and we are still good friends to this day. A lot does change but that doesn't mean people aren't here to support or help you and pretty quick you'll find you know a lot more people and feel more grown up, which is the next big step in your life, so enjoy it.



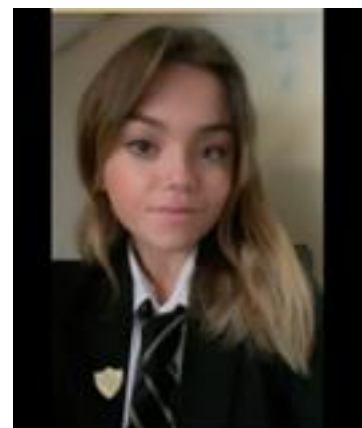
Hello, my name is Ben and I came from St Margaret's Junior School. When I moved up to Chesterton Community Sport College, I only knew a few people from my old school, however within a few days I had made a new group of friends. The staff are very welcoming and understanding which made my transition much easier. After a few weeks I felt so comfortable I signed up for the School Ski trip, at this point no one from my junior school was going and the teachers were still strangers to me. However, due to the staff and the atmosphere of my new school I felt confident enough to go on the trip and meet new people; people I am friends with to this day. After a few months I joined the basketball, badminton and table tennis clubs. There are a variety of different sport clubs which anyone can participate in. One of the main things I was looking forward to was Creative Learning Week, an experience I haven't had since. In our school we do lots of different sports in PE, not just the popular ones but new sports I hadn't tried at the time. There are lots of other clubs as well such as History Club, Eco Club and

many others. The sports days are completely different to those in primary school, there are a multitude of sports where you compete for your house colour. In year 8 you get to choose your GCSE option subjects and I have found that our school offers more choices than any others schools I have visited. Even though I live outside the catchment zone for this school I was drawn to the atmosphere and sense of community that this school provides.

Brooke Tidyman

Churchfields primary school

Hi everyone, I hope you are all okay and coping well. I am Brooke I came up to high school from Churchfields Primary School four years ago and I am currently in year 10. I am aware that moving up to high school can be a big change, it can be scary and you may feel nervous. This is normal and exactly how I felt, but you have nothing to worry about. All the teachers are so welcoming and understand what a big change it is to move to Chesterton. I remember I felt anxious about high school but once I was here it was the complete opposite. I am glad to be here and going into year 11 with amazing friends. I have been given the opportunity to study some wonderful GCSE subjects like Child Care, Health and Social Care. These are just some things you have to look forward to. I am pleased to have been given this opportunity to be school prefect and to be writing this letter to you. Before you know it, you will be here loving all the amazing opportunities you get offered and the school itself. I have really enjoyed my time at high school which has flown by so fast but as they say 'time flies when you're having fun'.





Hello, I hope you're doing well. My name is Chanel Ta'mya Baker and I am a year 10 student at Chesterton Community Sports College. I came from Crackley Bank Primary school and if I said I wasn't nervous about the transfer from primary school to high school I would be lying. I was really nervous, but as soon as I stepped foot into CCSC all the teachers and students were so welcoming. I automatically thought I wasn't going to fit into any friendship groups but I've made a lovely group of friends and we've all been friends for ages now. At this school they deal with serious situation such as; bullying, racism, homophobia, extremely well. The teachers are onto the situation as soon as you make them aware of it. I think that the school trips and the extra-curricular opportunities are amazing. I used to be on the school football team, and I have been on a lot of school trips. One of my favourite trips was to Warwick Castle in Year 7, I learned so much from that trip and I really enjoyed the dungeons. I have also been involved with trying to educate my peers on 'forgotten people in history', I took the time after school to research

and educate my peer group on different cultures and peoples' achievements. As a student, I think the most exciting thing to look forward to would be picking your GCSE Option Subjects in Year 8. It gives you responsibility, and a taste of what your future holds.

Thank-you for taking the time out of your day to read this.

Demi-Leigh Brennan
Churchfields Primary School

Hi my name is Demi Brennan; I am in my last year of high school and I came from Churchfields Primary School four years ago. Moving up to high school can be a scary and I remember how scared I was but I was also very excited to meet new people and start growing up. All the teachers at our school are kind and caring and if you ever need help, they are always there for you. When I came to CCSC I knew I had friends who were going there too, but eventually I separated from them and have now I have got an amazing new friendship group. High school is a great way to meet new people and find new interests and I have been able to study some wonderful subjects that I enjoy. One of the best things about CCSC are the rewards school trips, spending time with your friends after a good year at school. When I was in primary school, I remember thinking I can't do this and I can't move up because I was too scared but I can honestly say being at CCSC has been the best years of my life and I wouldn't change it for the world!



Diyon Kuruwitage

Hey, I'm Diyon and I came from St Chad's Primary School. For me the transition to CCSC and high school in general was really easy. You have a lot of students in the same position as you and so they can easily relate to everything you are going through. Honestly, I didn't think of the transition as a big deal. But I know for sure if I thought it was, I would be able to talk to other students. Another major worry you may have is about making new friends; which can be hard, especially if you are introverted. For me it was simpler because two of my friends from primary school stuck with me, however, I still made new friends (which is easier than you think, **everyone** is thinking about making new friends during year 7). If you are seriously struggling the teachers are really understanding. I know one of my close friends were introduced to the friendship group by a member of staff. So seriously don't worry about anything, just ride it out.

Hi, my name is Ella Doe and I am currently in my fourth year of high school at CCSC. I came from Bursley Academy in 2018 and I remember being extremely nervous for the transition to high school as I was a very shy 11-year-old. A lot of people came up from my primary school but my best friend at the time didn't, I remember being really upset without her but even on my first day I found a new friendship group which was really reassuring. I think when you come up to high school one of the biggest worries is meeting new people who you don't know and who you will have to spend the next five years with but it's important to know that you are all in the same boat so no one fully knows what they are doing and you're not alone. Whilst it is an over whelming experience it is also full of exciting opportunities, after a couple of weeks here you will feel relaxed and comfortable with your peers and friends. You gain new friends and even staff are extremely kind and will be there to welcome you and help with any questions. Along with the opportunities of making new friends you will also experience trips, clubs and have lots of new experiences (I have particularly enjoyed being part of the netball team and partaking in book club). Even though I had a whole year of home schooling during covid I still feel as though my high school journey has gone by so fast, I've made a new family of people who mean a lot to me and when I leave in year 11, I will have lots of memories. As the saying goes, 'you don't know you're making memories you're just having fun'.



Hi, I'm Ella, I am currently a year 10 student studying at CCSC and I left Hempstalls Primary School in 2018. I hope you are all feeling confident about your transition from primary school to secondary school! I know that moving up to secondary school is a BIG change and the thought of change can be quite scary. Some of you might not feel ready for that big change yet, but I promise you, there's nothing to worry about and it's normal, as I also went through the same things that you are now and honestly, I was terrified. However, these past few years have probably been the most interesting years of my life! Many things definitely change but you just need to embrace it and find the positives! Studying at secondary school is a great opportunity to learn more about different subjects in more detail and make many new friends. Shortly after I joined Chesterton, I started realising that I was loving the subjects that I hated during primary school (for example, history and science) and I think that is because we study them in so much more detail and they become so much more interesting now that I understand them a lot better. There are also many

different trips that have been going on this year with the school, for example I've visited the University of Birmingham to take part in a biology quiz and my team came in third place out of around 50 teams! I've also visited Chesterton Primary School to read with the year 5s and went all the way to Aberystwyth University to see what life is like at University. There are also different roles for people who are interested, such as subject leaders, school council and house captains (I'm a house captain!) so there are plenty of things to look forward to. I've really enjoyed being at Chesterton so far and I hope you're looking forward to coming here too!

Hi, my name is Emily Taylor-Cottram and I am just about to go into my final year of high school. When I came to Chesterton Community Sports College I was really scared and worried but don't worry the staff are kind and welcoming and will help you to find your way around the school. I am really happy in school now. I went to Chesterton Primary School but don't worry if you don't have many friends you will make more friends, I did on my first day. My favourite lesson is Photography because it is creative and fun. I took part in Peer Mentoring which helps pupils who are struggling to make friends in school and now I am a school prefect Thank you for reading I look forward to meeting you.

Emily Hassall
St Chad's C E Primary School

Hello, my name is Emily and I am currently in year ten at Chesterton Community Sports College. Coming from St Chad's Primary School I presumed high school would be a bad, nerve-racking experience, but I was completely mistaken! Here at CCSC, the teachers are extremely welcoming and kind, and are always willing to help. I was also concerned that I wouldn't make any new friends moving to high school, but since coming here I have met so many amazing, friendly people! I have enjoyed many things since starting high school, but one opportunity I really liked was Creative Learning Week. This gives you the opportunity to learn new things outside of the classroom and in a fun way. If you come to CCSC, you may have the opportunity to get involved in something similar! I find that the lessons here are interesting and engaging, and I particularly enjoy English and Health and Social Care. I hope you decide to come to Chesterton Community Sports College, and am looking forward to seeing you in the near future!



Hello, my name is Emily Parsons and I am from Bursley Academy. A few years ago, I had to transition from primary school to high school like you do now. I remember feeling nervous and excited to come to a new school, finding my way around the school and meeting new people but the teachers and prefects were very helpful and welcoming. There are lots of clubs and opportunities you can get involved with here, for example some that I have taken part in are; book club where you can discuss books, plan assemblies and go on trips; Lesson X where there are different activities going on each week such as karaoke, Just Dance and games. There are also many trips offered to each year, some of my favourites were; going to watch Six, the musical, Creative Learning Week where each day you can take part in different activities, I went to Go Ape, Clip'n'Climb, Ninja Warrior, indoor sky diving and a theme park. These trips and clubs are amazing to be a part of and you meet a lot of new people through taking part. I know it's scary moving up to a new school with loads of new people but the staff and prefects can help if you have any questions. I can't wait to meet you all when you move up in September and I hope you enjoy your time here at CCSC.

Hi, I'm Ethan Moody I am in year 10 and I went to St Chad's Primary School. When you move to a new school with completely new people it can be a little bit scary but you soon make friends and start to feel comfortable in the school. If you get lost there are people around to help you and there are also maps dotted around the school. When I first moved to this school, I got lost quite a few times and I was also a little scared, but after a few days I was fine I knew my way around the school and I managed to make friends. In year 8 you will pick your GCSE Options to do for three years. Personal favourites that I chose are Computer Science and Geography. In the years you are at high school you will have lots of opportunities including trips, clubs, picking your own option subjects and much more.





Hi, my name is Finn Banks-Jones and I am in year 10, moving into year 11 in September. I understand how scary and frightening it must be during this huge change between primary school and high school, however with this change comes many opportunities. I went to Churchfields Primary School, and I was absolutely terrified to go to high school as I thought I would get lost and that the teachers would be really strict. However, after the first week or so I knew my way around the school and now I know the teachers aren't extremely strict and instead every single teacher in the school is there to help, support and welcome each student. When moving up from primary school, only a few friends came with me and later left due to other circumstances in their lives so I made new friends which was no challenge as everyone is very welcoming and if there is a struggle to find friends the teachers are there to help. Additionally, at the end of year 8, students choose four subjects to study for their GCSEs, I chose Business, History, Computer Science and Imedia which I have enjoyed doing and it also allowed me to stop doing certain subjects which I didn't enjoy as much. There are many other options which are available to choose such as Drama,

Music, Art and Technology so there is something for everyone. The school also offers many opportunities such as trips, clubs and the school production which happens usually every two years. One of the clubs I attend is History Club which has opened up many more opportunities for me and has really allowed me to enjoy school by doing something that I am passionate about. So far, my time at CCSC has been amazing and I'm looking forward to year 11 and I'm looking forward to the opportunities which will be offered in my last year of school. Overall, I think the best thing about the school is the teachers who are always there for the students, supporting them at all times. I hope you enjoy your time at CCSC as much as I have, and we are very much looking forward to seeing you here!

Hello, my name is Hannah Chau and I used to go to St. Chad's Primary School. I remember coming up to high school and it was intimidating and nerve-racking because it was the first time going somewhere new and I was worried that I could get lost around the school, but it was perfectly fine as I made lots of new friends and you can ask teachers where to go. There are lots of opportunities to experience during high school such as: playing an instrument, which you can start to learn or continue with, I have played the violin since year 3. There are also school productions you can take part in; I was a narrator in 'Into the Woods' and this year we are performing Peter Pan.



Hi, I'm Hannah Royse and currently in year 10. My primary school was St Margaret's Junior School.

Don't worry if you are coming here without any friends (like I did) as it's a fresh start for everyone!

And if you don't settle straight away there are many opportunities to meet people and get support, from our Peer Mentors. You will really enjoy the vast range of extra-curricular activities such as book club, netball, and the school's own radio show (run by students). Unlike primary school you get to do lots of different subjects in KS3, for example performing arts and experiments in science! It doesn't take long to find your way around school and there are many people about to help if you get lost. One of the highlights of the year is Creative Learning Week where you get the opportunity to go on trips and learn non-academic skills. This year some of the options are; Go Outdoors (staying in an eco-friendly environment), Going Places

(visiting different areas of the UK), make your own movie and Vogue (beauty and fashion). There are many more opportunities to get involved in. Good luck!



Hi my name is Izzy, and I came up to high school from St Chads, in September I'm going to be starting year 11, my final year of high school which I am looking forward to. I remember starting high school and looking forward to a new start, the chance to go to a new school, make new friends and do different subjects, but also the nervous feeling about starting a new and very different school. I went to St Chads so the majority of people all went to CCSC, but some of my friends went to different schools so I was a little worried about not going to the same school as some of my friends. However, on my first day all of the other pupils and teachers were so friendly and kind, which reassured me straight away. I have now got so many different new friends, who I didn't go to primary school with and enjoy all of my lessons. I also enjoy going to after school clubs, I love being part of the netball team, and going to play matches against other schools and being part of a team. I understand how scary the change can be and the big step up from primary school to high school, but there's nothing to worry about, after the first day or so you'll feel like you fit right in and have been here for ages. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Hi! My name is Jamie and I came to Chesterton from St Chads Primary. The transition to high school can seem frightening at first, but trust me, all the nerves will disappear before you know it. I remember on the first day I got lost looking for my first lesson, but an older student saw me struggling and helped me find my way. There are lots of extra-curricular opportunities that you can do throughout the day; I attended Chess Club at first, which was a great opportunity to make new friends. Throughout the year, there are a lot of different engaging activities that you are able to do. Towards the end of the school year, you participate in something called Creative Learning Week. This is by far my favourite memory so far from CCSC I was able to visit attractions such as GoApe and Drayton Manor! These memories will not only stick with you throughout your school life, but throughout life as a whole. I am glad that I chose to come to Chesterton; all of the teachers are helpful and friendly, and you can make friendships that will last a lifetime.



Jess Colledge
St. Margaret's C of E Junior School

Hi, my name is Jess and I am preparing to go into my final year at CCSC. Joining the school was a daunting experience as I was one of just six students coming from my school. I completely understand how you might be feeling, as I was very worried, thinking that I wouldn't make any friends and that I would be lonely. However, I had nothing to worry about, all the teachers, students and staff members were warm and welcoming and everyone totally understands how you feel. Once I had finished my first couple of weeks at CCSC I had made new friends and felt really comfortable and happy being here. I felt I had settled in and my first year flew by. I really enjoy how you feel at home in this school, all the extra-curricular clubs are really fun, one of the clubs I attend is History Club. I am really passionate about History Club and it's really enjoyable especially when we are able to go on trips. Over the years I have become even

closer with my friends and now I feel I have matured and grown within the school; I am feeling confident about going into year 11.

Hi, my name is Jess Roberts I came from Churchfields Primary school four years ago and I am just about to start my final year of high school. If I'm honest, at first it was a little bit daunting but as soon as I started my first day everybody was so friendly and welcoming and I felt at ease. I made lots of new friends whilst still continuing friendships with my primary school friends. On my first day I thought I was going to get lost as the school can seem quite big and intimidating, however, I found that there are many people around to help and I got used to everything within a few days. One of my favourite experiences here at CCSC has been Creative Learning Week, this is a week in the school year where you can choose different activities to do. I chose 'Vogue Makeup', where I spent the week doing fashion and beauty-based activities. I have loved my time at this school, and I'm sure that once you start here you will too.



Hi, my name is Joel Hodgkiss and I am a student going into year 11 at CCSC. I came up to high school from Sun Academy Primary School and I remember how scary it was realising my time at primary school was ending but I was happy to join high school as it was a whole new thing to me. On my first day I met lots of people from different primary schools who later became my friends and the staff helped us all to get along. This school has lots of after school clubs so you will most definitely find the one for you, I haven't attended any after school clubs but I have attended a few after school booster classes for my main subjects (Maths, English, Science and MFL).

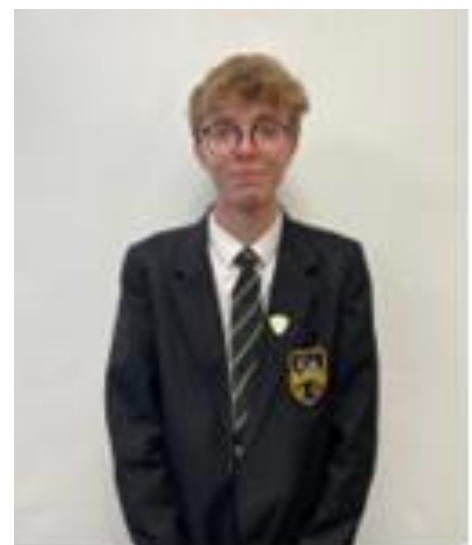
My experience at CCSC has been great so far! Even though not many people from my primary school came here we all still managed to hang around during break and lunch and our group became bigger as we formed friendships with students who came from different primary schools. At CCSC I have had the opportunity to learn many exciting subjects like Food Technology,

Photography, Wood Technology, Art and PE as we have lots of equipment for these specific subjects.

Joshua Thorley

Springhead primary school

Hi my name is Joshua Thorley and I will soon be starting my last year of high school (I can't wait). I was in your position only a few years ago now and I know how nerve-racking it can be especially when you are one of only a few people coming from your primary school. I came to high school with only two other people from my primary school (Springhead Primary School) so, of course I found it hard to begin with, but I promise that you'll come to find new friends very quickly. The teachers were very helpful and kind when I was transitioning from primary school, which is what made it so easy. I made friends after a few weeks and they've stuck ever since. Lessons are great, especially when you enjoy the subject, for me it is either Computer Science or Maths, but obviously yours may be different. There are also a lot of things you can look forward to when you come to high school, the school offers loads of trips and clubs for you to do. I've not been on many trips in school; however, my favourite is definitely when we went to Alton Towers a few weeks ago for Rewards Day. My favourite club is badminton club, because I love playing badminton. My time at high school has flown by, I'm actually shocked I'm almost in year 11, but I can assure you that being in high school is good and if you have any problems the teachers and pupils are there to help. So, don't worry and obviously, be the best you can be (like it says all over our school).



Hi, my name is Katie Ashley, I moved up from Bursley Academy to high school four years ago and I will be in Year 11 from September. Making the transition from primary school to high school is a big change, but it is not one that should be worrying. The staff are friendly, welcoming and incredibly supportive of all student's individual needs, worries, and feelings. My closest friends at Bursley didn't go to Chesterton, and I was worried I only had a few people I knew in my lessons. However, I soon made some amazing friends. Moving into high school, I enjoyed the new range of lessons and facilities that weren't available at primary school. There are amazing opportunities for a range of school trips every year, including rewards trips. There are also opportunities for trips abroad, and I'm looking forward to visiting Berlin in 2023 with the history department. Although the move to high school seems daunting, I can assure you that it definitely isn't at Chesterton. I'm so grateful to have started this journey meeting wonderful people, and I'm excited to see where it takes me



Hello everyone, my name is Keira Aldridge. I came from Bursley Academy, I remember being in the same position as you a few years ago, being worried about coming up to high school, but thinking back there was no need. The school gave me lots of support, which I am so grateful for as they helped me with my transition from primary school to high school. At this school you are given lots of different opportunities such as, a skiing trip in Italy, which I am luckily enough to go be going on at the end of this year. The school also provides you with lots of extra-curricular activities and sports.

Your subject teachers provide extra learning after school with boosters, these can help you if you are struggling to understand in the lesson or you can use these sessions to catch up with work or revise.

During my time here so far, I have some great friends, which I am thankful for and they have made my time here so much better. My high school experience has been enjoyable, but time here has flown by it doesn't feel that long ago that I was in Year 7 and now I am in Year 10. Always remember when you are struggling in school make sure you are being, the best you can be!

Kian Wilshaw
St Chads Primary School

Hi there, my name is Kian and what seems to be only a minute ago I was you, scared and worried about not having friends or being liked at school. But, four years later I can say to you that there is nothing to worry about coming to high school and especially not to Chesterton Community Sports College, as the teachers and staff are really friendly and welcoming. If you love sport this is the school for you as there is a lot of opportunity to join teams and clubs. For example, I have been a part of the football team, the swimming team and the cross-country team. I have also been to Northwood Stadium to perform in the athletics events. The school also offers lots of opportunities to go on trips to other countries, this year I am going on the skiing trip to Italy, and that is a great opportunity for me as my family would never go on a holiday like that. I guess what I am trying to say is don't be worried and be yourself.



Good luck,
Kian



Hello, my name is Kian and I came to Chesterton Community Sports College from Ravensmead Primary School which is located in Audley.

I came up to this school over four years ago now but this year I am going into year 11, so I am extremely aware of how difficult it is to make a big change especially moving to a new school let alone a high school. Such a big change like this can be very scary but to be honest with you there is nothing to be scared about as all the teachers are very helpful and welcoming and one of the teachers even runs a peer mentoring club on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. When I moved up to high school only two other people came from my primary school so I was very nervous and anxious, but I soon made a lot of amazing friends in a short time and we are still friends to this day. I am also extremely lucky to do some brilliant subjects with amazing teachers and students such as Food Technology, iMedia, Photography and Geography. Another thing that I love about this school is the fact that every student gets given an iPad that we can do our work on and everything works through Microsoft Teams and OneNote. Even though this is one of the biggest steps in your life I'm one hundred percent sure that

you can do it and it will soon feel like you have been in the school for years. From my experience I can honestly say that this school is one of the best you can come to for opportunities.

Hi, my name is Kirsten and came to CCSC after leaving Bursley Academy. I was really nervous when I moved up, it's a big change from primary school, and I thought Chesterton was huge. Really, it's small for a secondary school, and you quickly find your way around. Interesting points about Chesterton are the facilities and opportunities. They have a library, a sports department, computer rooms and technology rooms, so there are loads of things to do both in and out of lessons. Chesterton also offers lots of trips for students, even some abroad. You'll also get to learn new skills and subjects you didn't get the chance to in primary school. Moving up is scary, but there are lots of things to look forward to here.



Hi, I'm Lilly and I left Bursley Academy in 2018. Moving to high school can be a really scary experience, it's okay to be scared but there's nothing to worry about. It doesn't matter whether you have friends when you move or not, as you're always making new friends throughout the entire time you are here. Personally, I was really worried about coming up to Chesterton, but the staff are so welcoming and really helped to make me feel comfortable and happy. You get to form really good bonds with your teachers and they are always happy to help you in any way you need. There are so many different opportunities and new things to try when you come to high school, as well as a range of different clubs; my own personal favourite being book club! The school has so many different trips for you to look forward to, especially during Creative Learning Week, when you can even go to theme parks! Depending on what GCSE options that you take, you could also go on trips to other countries. For example, I take history and I get to go to Berlin in February. My high school experience has been really good so far and I really think that you'll enjoy your time at CCSC. I am excited to meet you in September!



Hi! My name is Lucy Hitchen and I came from Alsager's Bank Primary Academy. When I first came to high school, I was very nervous because I only knew two other people who were going to Chesterton. But I quickly made friends as everyone was so welcoming and nice. My favourite experiences in high school have been the Rewards trips. I have been to Alton Towers and ice skating and it was a lot of fun. There are also other things to look forward to such as the school show and the range of fun extra-curricular clubs they have on every day after school!

Hello, my name is Leighton and I came from Chesterton Primary School, I am now going into my last year in high school. I know that coming up to high school might be a bit frightening at the start but it will soon disappear when you get to know everyone. I remember my first day, it was a scary time meeting a lot of people which later became my friends. I remember high school feeling really big, but with the help of all of the staff and my friends I soon found my way around the school.

This school offers great opportunities, lots of clubs to join and trips to go on, I have been on a few trips myself and really enjoyed them. My experience of four years in this school has been amazing so far! Always remember, 'Be the Best You Can Be!'



Hi, my name is Madison Elliott, I came up to high school from Churchfields Primary School and I am currently in year 10 almost year 11. When Dawn asked us to write a letter reassuring you about your child's transition to high school, the first thing that came to my mind was a quote that I recently found by C. Joybell: "The only way that we can live is if we grow. The only way we can grow is if we change. The only way we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way that we are exposed is if we throw ourselves into the open." I know this is a lengthy quote but, I think the reason this quote in particular came to mind is because high school is undoubtedly a lot different from primary school, and of course different can be scary! But, if you look past that, different can also be a thrilling so leap into the unknown. Personally, I was terrified when I came up to high school so I know from experience how easy it is for me to say this and how hard it is for you to believe. Honestly though, there is really no need to be so afraid and I'm sure that many of the other prefects will tell you that there are

numerous teachers who are all here to help you settle in and make your time here as comfortable and easy to enjoy as possible. Once you are here it's like opening up a new book; surrounded with all new, friendly characters that although, at first are strangers, soon become familiar and welcoming faces, even friends- some closer than others. High school doesn't have to be and really isn't anything to be nervous about, if anything it's a whole new experience that should bring you a sense of excitement. For me, I found comfort in the after-school clubs that the school offers, although I'm pretty sure the majority of my time was spent in the Library! If that's not the kind of thing that you would look forward to during high school, you also get to go on loads of trips to different places; the best examples of which, I would say, are the YTF book awards and the skiing trip. Different people react to high school in different ways, and life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it. So, please enjoy it because there's so much to look forward to and you really don't want to miss out!

Madison Plimbley
Bursley Academy

Hi, my name is Maddie, in September I will be moving in to my last year at Chesterton Community Sports College. I came to CCSC four years ago and have enjoyed every bit of it. When I first joined, I was very scared and nervous but after a few weeks I found my feet. I have grown in confidence being here because of all the opportunities and extra-curricular I have been given; school trips and subjects that I really enjoy.

All the teachers are friendly and you can go to them about anything, also you make lots of new friends that will also be there for you to talk to. I understand that moving into a different environment to what your used it daunting and nerve-racking but CCSC makes you feel comfortable and relaxed, everyone is here to help you. It's changed my life but for the better and given me qualities in myself I never thought I would have.



Maisy Baker-Parker
Bursley Academy

Hello to whoever is reading this, my name is Maisy and I have been a student at CCSC for nearly four years now. I am just finishing my third year now and I am soon to be a year 11 pupil. Coming up to high school was a nerve-racking experience for me, as I was worried that I wouldn't make any friends and I'd find myself alone. However, as soon as I walked through those doors, I was extremely welcomed by both the pupils and staff. The experiences I have gained from attending this school have taught me life lessons that will continue to help me grow and develop. A piece of advice I would give you is to keep calm and remember that there is always someone to help. I wish you the very best of luck for September. Can't wait to see you!

Hello all, hope you are all okay and having a good day. Four years ago, I moved up to Chesterton Community Sports College from St Chads Primary School. I remember feeling scared and afraid of the drastic change that was going to happen but I can assure you there is absolutely nothing to worry about. The teachers at this school are amazing they are very welcoming and kind and there will be many prefects here to provide any help if necessary. Here at Chesterton, there are many things to look forward to from sports day and creative opportunities to the cool after school clubs and activities. You may be a bit nervous and anxious about making friends or being split up from your friends if you are in different sets, because believe me I was. However, it is really easy and there is nothing to worry about, I can assure you that.



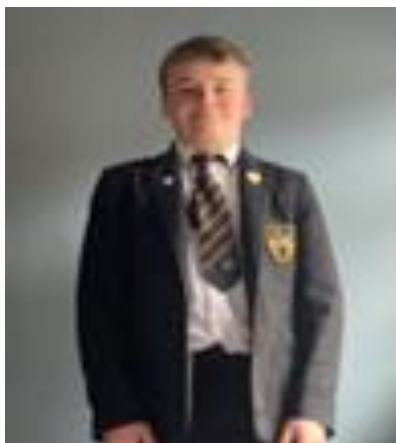


Hi, my name is Olivia Szotek and I came up to high school from Bursley Academy 4 years ago. Moving up to high school for me was pretty scary because I felt like I wouldn't fit in or have any friends but being here I've learnt that there is no need to worry. On my first day I was nervous but excited to go to my new school and see what being in high school is really like. Being here has actually been great and honestly, I can't believe how quickly time has gone past. There is nothing for you to worry about; the teachers are helpful and kind, lessons can be fun and there are so many wonderful opportunities. My favourite thing about the school is definitely the art lessons and being able to choose it as an option subject for GCSE.

Hi, my name is Rhiannon Kearns and I am about to go into my final year of high school. I came up from St Chads Primary school around four years ago. At first, I was worried about coming to a new school, as I thought it would be a such a big change and my best friend was going to a different school to me. However, I made many new friends, as well as still speaking to my best friend from primary school. On my first day, everyone was super welcoming and friendly and suddenly my worries went away.



One of my favourite things which I have done at CCSC would be the school production, SIX. In this musical, I played the role of Catherine Parr and performed in front of many people. Lots of experiences like this at CCSC have boosted my confidence drastically, and I can't wait see my character improve even more.



Hi, I'm Riley Woodward and I am currently a Year 10 Prefect. I came from Chesterton Primary School four years ago, and I am moving into Year 11 in September. I have had the opportunity to study subjects such as Food Technology and iMedia. My favourite part of CCSC are the amazing sports facilities. While I understand that High school is daunting for both students and parents, there are plenty of people here that can help you and make sure everything runs smoothly. The staff are all friendly, and if you need advice you can come to me. Parents, I understand that you may be worried, because your child is moving to a different school, but if your child has any issues, they can ask any of the amazing staff members who will endeavour to help as much as possible. Personally, I had no issues moving, and everything worked smoothly. The staff try and make it as seamless as possible, so I am confident that you will have no issues with the transition. I am really enjoying high school, and the

years have flown by. I have made many new friends, and had many amazing opportunities, and I'm sure you will too.



My name is Rosie Higginson and I went to St Chad's Primary School. I came up to high school 4 years ago and I was terrified. As soon as I walked in, I didn't know what to do or where to go but the staff were lovely and made sure I was settled. I was lucky because a lot of people from my primary school came to this school so I had people to support me but even then, I made so many new friends from different primary schools. This school provides you with many opportunities and any rewards trips or trips in general are really entertaining and you always have a good time. I have also been given some really amazing opportunities. I am a Health and Social Leader and a School Prefect which has made me feel really confident in myself. The staff and students will make sure you are settled and there is always someone to make sure that you know where to go so don't worry.

Hi everyone, my name is Rosie Smallwood and I came to Chesterton from Sun Academy in Bradwell. I hope that you are all doing great and excited to make your big transition to high school. I understand that it can be extremely daunting to move school as I have been in your position, but I can assure you that it's not as scary as you think. You have plenty of sources of help and support such as your form teacher, learning support and the prefects. All the teachers are around to help you with any issues you may have during your time here. Once you have settled in your time here will be very enjoyable. There are many extra-curricular activities that you can take part in and after-school clubs including sports and games. These clubs are a great opportunity to make friends and relationships that you can carry on with throughout the rest of your time at high school. The time will fly by once you get used to being here and you will look back and realise that you had nothing to worry about. In my experience my time here has gone very fast, it feels as if it was only yesterday that I was coming in on my first day. Personally, I found that taking after school clubs helps with making friends and improving social skills, it also makes your time here more fun!



Hi, my name is Ruby and I am about to go into my final year of high school. Four years ago, I was in the same position as you and I know how daunting and scary it can be, but I assure you there is absolutely nothing to worry about. The staff are lovely and there are many students willing to help you! I came up from St. Margaret's Junior School with only five other people, but quickly found a group of friends within my classes. My favourite trips so far have been Rewards Days, such as Chester Zoo and Escape Rooms, as well as the amazing skiing trip to Italy. I quickly got into the sports side of Chesterton and have been a part of the netball team since year 7. Other things that have made my school experience better are the GCSE option subjects I chose in year 8 such as Food Technology and Business studies; Food Technology has allowed me to improve my cooking. Overall, Chesterton made my move to high school comfortable and enjoyable, and

they will help you throughout your move too!

Hi, hope you are all coping well. I am Ryleigh Knight and I came from Chesterton Primary School four years ago. I am currently a year 10 student but will be in year 11 from September. Moving up to high school is a nerve-racking thing, I understand how you feel as I was in your shoes at one point.

You may be worried that you won't make friends but I assure you, there will be loads of people that will have similar interests. The teachers and staff are welcoming and understanding of the circumstances that you are in. When I moved up to high school, a lot of my friends from primary school moved up with me, I was still really nervous as it was a new experience to me and I was anxious about not fitting in but now as I'm coming close to the end of year 10, I look back to see how many good friends I have made throughout the years. I have also had the opportunity to study amazing subjects such as Food Technology, Science, Film Studies and Computer Science. These are a few of the many subjects that you can look forward to studying at this school. I understand the change can be terrifying but I assure you, in every way possible, you will enjoy your time at this school.

