

Hi I am Joe, I'm currently a year 7 at Cockermouth School, I would normally do a video, but I'm not really rocking the lockdown look so had to write to you instead.

I am going to try and answer some of your questions. I understand you will be feeling nervous right now, but there is no need to worry. I came from Ashfield Junior School and a lot of my friends went to different schools, but I soon made lots of new friends, plus I still get to hang out with my old friends at night. Everyone is very friendly at Cockermouth School.

It will all start to feel real when you get your uniform, that's when I started to feel nervous, mainly because I hadn't a clue how to tie a tie, but you soon figure it out.

I was also worried about getting on the bus, getting lost, and being with older kids, it takes getting used to going from the oldest in the school to the youngest.

On my first day I went on the bus, I started to feel better when I got on the bus as I knew a few people, and everyone was happy and just chatting away. The teachers will meet you of the bus so don't worry about not knowing where to go. At the start of each day you go to your form room and see your form tutor, mine is Mrs King she is really nice, you will get your time table, and get all the details of the lunchtime and afterschool clubs, there are loads, sports, music, drama, even bee keeping, we also have inter form competitions which are really good.

You may get lost in your first week, but there is always someone available to ask, it won't take you long to find your way round.

There are more subjects as secondary school and some of them are really good, you get to do practical's in science which are fun. You will get homework, my advice is don't leave it until the last minute, get it done then you are free to go and do what you want.

After school I went to rugby, football and hockey practice, we also play matches against other schools. The clubs at school are a good way of getting to know new people with the same interest as you.

School dinners are really good, there is always plenty of choice, we have separate dinner times so we don't really see the older students much.

One thing you really need is a school bag that is big enough for all your things, as some days you have lots to carry.

So, enjoy your summer and I hope you look forward to starting Cockermouth School, good luck and see you in September

*Joe*