**Joining Arena Academy!**

If you’re reading this letter and you are joining Arena Academy, I am a current Year 7 and I’m telling you, there is nothing to worry about when you first join a completely new school. You may be nervous or scared, but you don’t need to be! Arena Academy is an amazing school and they are good at welcoming new students. You may think ‘what if the older students are scary?’ but they aren’t, most of them are very nice and won’t bother you at all! When I first joined the academy, I was nervous too. Even though it seemed hard to make new friends, I made lots really quickly.

The food in the canteen is great and we get to have 10 minutes of extra lunch which is a great privilege! The lessons are fun, and the number of opportunities you can take part in (for example, sports clubs, Science club etc.) is extraordinary. The assemblies we have every Friday are interesting and funny. Our PE lessons are lots of fun too, and you get to do different activities like basketball, trampolining, football, and more. Being in this school is amazing and my experience of this school is so great, and yours will be too!

The teachers you have for lessons are helpful and give you support if you need it, whether it’s trouble with the work or other problems, they are always there to help. Everyone at the academy is here for you, even the person writing this letter. That’s right! Even students can support you through any hard times. Just don’t be afraid to ask for help, or asking somebody to be your friend. I know it’s a big change moving from primary to secondary, but you and your primary friends will fit right in.

The academy is really welcoming, and you will see us (Year 7s) on your induction day and evening, and when you join in September, in the corridors and at lunchtimes. Make sure you say hello! We are looking forward to you joining our school.

From Azmeena