

My time so far in Year 7 at Arena

Everyone around me was scared for secondary school, worried, not knowing what it would be like. So was I.

I remember being in year six, just as you are now, finding out what secondary school I was going to, wondering if I'll remember anyone that went to the same primary school as me, or if they would recognise me. Most adults had always told me how I shouldn't be worried, how I'm just going to have to work a bit harder and be a bit tougher, but I was still scared to go to this place.

My first day of year 7, I remember being filled with so many emotions whilst getting ready for school, I was wondering how it was going to be, not seeing the same people every day, as I had for the past 7 years. I came to Arena Academy, not knowing what to expect but I started the day at school with a warm welcome at the opening doors at the front of school. I was then told where my form room was and had my first ever morning with my form class. We later carried on the day, learning the ways of the school and the way they expect us to behave. I met my head of year and my year group coordinator; they were very nice and welcoming whilst they got to know us.

Mr Mann, the headteacher, had told us about how Arena academy is a CORE (collaboration, opportunity, respect, excellence) education school.

I then carried on the year, trying my hardest and achieving as much as I could, eventually, I had become one of the first student leaders of year 7. This was a very rewarding role as it had taught me leadership and respect so if you try your hardest, you might become one too! Over this year I learned that I shouldn't have been so scared, that this year helped me learn so much that I could never imagine. So just remember, don't be so worried, because if you try your hardest, you can achieve anything you want!

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