Transition: What is it like as a pupil?

We know that moving from one school to another can be unnerving and you may be feeling a little anxious about all of the changes.

We have asked some of our Year 5 pupils to think back to when they left their first school and became a member of Church Hill Middle School. They have written to you, explaining how they felt and what life has been like for them at our school.

Hopefully, their words and sharing of their experiences will help!

Dear future Year 5,

My name is Alex and I am a year 5 student at Church Hill Middle School. I wanted to tell you how amazing it is here because there are so many nice people. I really think that you will love it, as the teachers are the best and they help you if you are stuck.

When I was in year 4, I was really worried about joining a new school because of getting to know new teachers and making new friends. You might be worried about this too. The thing is, I made friends almost instantly and the teachers were so understanding and helpful. Everyone is in the same boat and the teachers make sure that you are as happy as you can possibly be. It wasn't long before we all felt part of the Church Hill family.

This school is everything you would ever want from a middle school. I would even say that this is better than first school and first school was amazing! I am looking forward to seeing you in Church Hill in September and even though I will be in Year 6, I am there to help you find your way around and answer any questions. Please say hello to me when you see me!

Sincerely,  

Alex
To our new member of Church Hill,

My name is Vida and I am in year five at Church Hill Middle School.

When I first got here last September, I thought I would never make any new friends because most of my classmates were from another school. This wasn’t the case, as I made lots of new friends straight away, and I am now best friends with a girl who went to a different first school. She is my BFF!

I think Church Hill is a lovely school (and I am sure you will too) which has four football pitches and two big halls (one for P.E and one for lunch). All of the classrooms are really cosy and the teachers are really lovely. The massive playground has two ping pong tables and three basketball hoops that you can use at social times. There is always lots to do.

There are lots of things to look forward to but I will share my top 5:

- You can always go to an adult for help.
- It’s always so happy in the classrooms.
- We have two big computer rooms which are both so fun to work in.
- We also have a good library for people who love to read.
- There are some really good prizes and rewards! Some of our reward winners even got to see England play at Wembley last year!

You might be worried about starting a new school, but I promise you that it will be fine! The teachers are lovely and always listen and will help you with anything. I am sure that you will have a great experience at Church Hill just like I have.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

From Vida 😊 <3
Dear our future member of Year 5,

My name is Gracie and I am in year five at Church Hill Middle School. I think that this is a really great school and I firstly want to tell you why and secondly want to share some of my experiences with you.

When I was in year four, I was nervous to move schools because I thought I wouldn’t know anyone. I know so many people here now and everyone is really friendly here. I was also worried – as you might be – because I would have a new teacher but she turned out to be kind, caring and fantastic! I also thought that the work might be really hard but here at Church Hill we celebrate making mistakes and work together to learn new things. You get lots of help when you are stuck and I don’t worry about my work anymore. I actually enjoy maths now!

So, what is great about Church Hill Middle School? The teachers are really nice and are always happy to help and support you. The playground is huge and you can play football or basketball and if you are lucky, some days you can go on the big field. We are creative here and I enjoy doing music and art especially.

If you are worried please don’t be, because it will all be fine. I will be in Year Six next year, but please say hi to me and ask if you need anything at all!

I look forward to meeting you in September.

Yours truly,

Gracie