



Letter to new year 7 scholars

Dear year 7 scholars,

My name is Saduni. I'm a scholar moving into Year 8 here at Castle Mead Academy. I remember being insanely nervous because, unfortunately, I wasn't able to participate in an induction or transition day because I didn't have a secondary school to go to until late October. So, I can relate to you; I know it seems strange and you might even be a little frustrated if you were really looking forward to Induction Day, to meet all of your new teachers, fellow scholars and having a tour around our school. However, I promise you after your first week at CMA, you will have already settled into your classes and found some new friends (and maybe even your old friends from your primary school). I'm sure you still would be feeling a little anxious but rest assured that everyone at CMA (including staff and us, year 8s) are here for every single one of you if you have any worries or concerns.

Throughout your first year with us, you will be presented with many diverse opportunities, which allow you to shape your future here at Castle Mead and beyond. The first few weeks will consist of the following: receiving your timetable, getting used to your way around the site, getting to know your teachers and classmates, our simple but strict rules, and your teachers getting to know who you are as an academic and your ability across all the subjects we have to offer at CMA. Of course, we will be moving to our permanent site in August 2021, where we will be granted access to many more facilities. However, as for now, we have more than enough amenities to provide you an outstanding education and opportunities at CMA.

At CMA, we are very engaged in our Castle Credo: 'Be Kind, Work Hard and Build Your Character'. Every day, we come to school and these are our top priorities of the day and for the rest of time at CMA. This will ensure that each scholar will unleash their full potential and pursue their dreams and careers. Every CMA scholar will exceed in something, whether it's in sport, in music, in academia or in another extra-curricular field, and together we are working hard to grow a community of excellence. Learning at CMA is only difficult if you make it difficult; this advice applies to any task or activity you do at CMA or in the outside world. We have a simple but effective timetable that clearly states our lessons as an individual scholar and as a class. Our lessons are led by expert, convivial, yet professional teachers (which I must admit, once you get to know them, they're quite lively and fun to be around).

As I said previously, once you join our excellent community, please don't hesitate to talk to me, any other year 8 scholar, or a member of staff if you have any concerns or worries about your transition. Stay safe. I look forward to meeting you very soon!

Yours sincerely,

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