

Dear year 6 students,

Welcome them to St Francis,

When I came to this school, I was very, very, very worried. The night before my first day I kept saying things like, "What lessons will I have? Will I make or have any friends? What will the teachers be like?" These kinds of thoughts ran around my head, I thought I wouldn't survive through the first day, because the primary school I went to was 3 hours away, in another city! None of my friends were coming to St. Francis of Assisi CTC, and I came in a few days later, I didn't know anyone, and nobody knew me, I was devastated, I hadn't even come in to view the school!

It was then my first ever day in St. Francis of Assisi. Mrs Hanrahan welcomed me in, as I started a few days late; it seemed nice and comforting. The first people I met (teachers) were very nice. Mr Conway, the head of year 7, came and showed me around a bit, and then took me to my first lesson. When I came in, all the students were staring at me. It felt as if I was about to faint! But when I came in and sat down, well, all I did was read because I didn't have the booklet. Getting to my 2nd lesson (PE) was NOT easy; I didn't know the way, so I just followed the other girls, but I lost track of them very quickly. My heart was pounding! I finally got the courage to ask one of the year 8 or 9 students and she showed me to my lesson. She was very nice. My PE teacher asked if I had already made any friends, but I hadn't, so she introduced me to the girls and told them that I came in today and had no friends, and a girl offered to show me around and guide me to my lessons as she had the same ones as me for the whole week. The rest of the day was nice, and I came back home with a bright smile on my face 😊 I even made a friend who is just like me, we both have the same interests, she started about a month after everyone and a few weeks after me. I found out I had the same timetable as her. We're best friends now and go everywhere together!

I have spent a year in St Francis of Assisi CTC, it is amazing! I love this school and look forward to spending a few more years with it. Now I have a lot of friends, it is truly like a second family to me in school. I no longer fear going to class, my classmates are all funny and kind, the teachers are as well. Don't worry about anything during your first few days, don't be scared, you'll love coming to school in no time, 😊

I look forward to meeting you when you come 😊 😊

Yours sincerely,

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