

My name is Aaron and I went to St Philips primary school in Atherton.

When I was in year 6, I felt nervous about going to high school. I wasn't sure what to expect about the lessons and was worried about getting lost in the corridors. When I went I realised that the school was big and hectic but it is easy to navigate. When I went there was a lot of building work and modifying but all that is gone now. We were given maps and they were really easy to follow and lots of people are around to help you if you need it. The lunches are better than at primary and I like the lessons as there is a set timetable and I move around. We do good lessons like music, computing drama, cooking, woodwork, art and textiles. My favourite lesson has been cooking and I have liked bringing the food home. At our school we have a leisure centre so there is a big gym and a pool and that means I do a lot of swimming practice, I have done some swimming competitions for the school. There are lots of after school clubs and I enjoy going to the competitive swimming and the fun swim.

I am glad I go to Westhoughton high school, I have missed not being able to go recently and am looking forward to going back soon.

Aaron F

Dear, Year 6,

I am writing to inform you about life in high school and it is not what you think. Many people have a fear about moving from classroom to classroom but in fact you get used to it very quickly. The food here is different as well there is more variety and to pay you put your finger on a scanner and it takes money off your account. There is another thing that many people worry about and that is the homework. Actually, when you come the homework does not overwhelm you.

And if you are worried that your friends will go to another school. You have no reason to worry because there are loads of people at secondary school for you to make friends with and "hang out with" in the playground. At break time there are many things you can do but one of my favourites is going to the library to play games or do your homework on one of the many computers.

I hope you found this brief letter informative and enjoy high school.

Yours truly, Jake E-P

Westhoughton High School

Alfie

12th May 2020

Dear year 6 students,

I just want to welcome you to Westhoughton High School and tell you a bit about it.

Westhoughton High School is really good and there is loads of new subjects that you can learn and loads of new topics. Also you will have a really good time and it's an opportunity to meet new people and communicate with people. Also, remember to try after school clubs they do loads like football, basketball, table tennis, music and lots more. Also, there are opportunities to go on holiday. You can go to France and the Lake District.

High school might seem scary, but the year 7 staff will be there to help you through it all!

Good Luck!
Alfie

Letter to year six by Sophie T

Moved from St Bart's in Sept 2019.



From my experience of moving from year six to high school, I can advise it was not as scary as most people think it will be, in fact it was fun!

All of the teachers at Westhoughton high school, are really nice and kind and help you to settle in.

For the first couple of weeks, the teachers are there to make sure that you get to know your way around and you can always have your other classmates to help or even a teacher from student reception. You think you will be late for lessons but when you get there you are not.

You have to take on more responsibility for managing your own homework and school timetables but this is all part of the challenge and one that I enjoyed a lot. At first my Mum used to help me pack my bag but after the first week I was able to do it myself and so far I haven't forgotten anything. Subjects are more varied and I have really enjoyed making pasta in Food Tech and various art projects.

You will always be able to ask a student or a teacher, so don't worry – relax and enjoy the new experience.

So don't be worried about getting lost or not being able to make new friends because everyone is so helpful and understanding at Westhoughton high!

Dear Year 6,

I assume that many of you are feeling nervous about joining year 7 but I am here to reassure you that everything will be okay.

One of the great things about Westhoughton High School is how great it is. The people there are nice and will not make you feel left out when you join the school, so you do not need to worry about that.

Another great thing about Westhoughton high is how fun it is. At the end of every term, we get to go on a trip to either bowling/laser tag, roller skating, ice skating, or you get to watch a movie.

The food here is better than primary school food and you also get a better choice of food.

In conclusion, you have nothing to worry about when going to Westhoughton high school.

Yours sincerely Henry Y7H

Dear Year 6's

I just wanted to write to you and tell you how I was getting on since leaving St Bart's! I obviously clearly miss St Bart's and all the staff. It really is a fabulous school.

When I started at Westhoughton high, I was very scared to say the least. So much so I nearly didn't make it in the first day!!! But I did and since then I have never looked back.

Yes, the first few days were scary being in such a big school I never thought I would be able to find which room I was supposed to be in for each class. We had a timetable and yes, we had student services to help show us around.

On my first day, I was petrified. We went to our form class and met our teacher Miss Evason. I have to say she is lovely and has helped me immensely since starting high school and helped boost my confidence in knowing I can do this! I have since found out that she really likes my mum's cakes! Well who doesn't!!!! They went down very well and still do at St Bart's!

I have been at Westhoughton high now for 8 months, unfortunately since March we have been at home due to the pandemic, however I have to say I really like high school now and I feel a lot more confident with my work, getting round school and meeting new people. I have made loads of new friends (and kept my primary school friends – I have even become closer to some friends from primary school that I didn't really speak to).

I get a lot of good feedback from my teachers in the form of postcards home of which really help me in knowing I am doing well.

Like I said I do miss St Bart's however my sister is still there, so it is nice that I still get to see you all at their school events. However, I thought I would let you know I am fine, I am doing really well and I know I will continue to do well in my time at high school.

See you soon!

Josh!