

When I first came to Norbury Manor I was ambivalent due to the fact that it was extremely nerve-racking and tremulous; however, I was mostly exhilarated in starting a new chapter in my life.

Enthralled, I stood in the playground with some of my primary school friends as we anxiously waited. We were directed to our form classes and my form tutor, Miss Leslie, helped me and my class (7P) to settle in. Another member of staff that helped not only me but the whole year was my head of year and philosophy teacher, Miss Campbell. She is constructive, kind and has a good sense of humour which I really like about her. Some of the students in my class also helped me with acclimatisation and made me feel even more welcome.

Now, I have a good group of friends who support me and hang out with me. Not only that but I am also coping better with all the homework and getting to all my classes better than I did before because I would get lost! It was a huge step for me; however, I have adapted and feel that Norbury Manor is the place for me and the people here have helped me to excel and enjoy my new school. In addition to this, since the lockdown due to the coronavirus I have been set an abundance of work that has kept me engaged and challenged; this has been amazing as we can't go anywhere! I miss seeing all my school friends and wish to restart at Norbury Manor as soon as possible.

This change in my life from primary to secondary was difficult but it was the students and staff who assisted me along the way that made it easy and comfortable.

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