



Messages from our Head Girl and Head Boy

Head Girl

Hello! My name is Ellie and I am currently Head Girl at Holy Cross. To sum up my time here in one word, I would say it was unforgettable. Just like you five years ago, I was looking around this school, comparing it to how huge it was in comparison to my class at primary. Just like you might be, I was terrified of joining high school, but I want to write to you all to tell you, those feelings of worry are normal, but I promise you will settle in quickly. At Holy Cross, you are all valued members of the community and you will soon settle in! The new Year 11s will be there to show you around and to give you advice, and to make you feel welcome.

Unfortunately, I can't be there to help you as due to the current situation my time was cut short at school, but my main advice to you all would be this - push yourself to do things you wouldn't usually do, join all the clubs on offer (I promise there will be one fit for you) and finally - be yourself. Do not change yourself to please others, there is only one you!

In high school, you will face many different and new challenges that will come as a shock to you - but do not worry. At Holy Cross, there is always someone to help you, no matter how big or small these challenges may seem, whether that be a member of staff or an older pupil. The Senior Prefect team and future Head Boy and Girl will always be there to support you, whether you are lost or unsettled.

In terms of homework, there will be some but the amount you receive gradually increases as you approach GCSE, but make sure you always do it. It will pay off in the end, however boring it may seem, you don't want to be getting detentions!

Holy Cross is a place where I have thrived over the last five years, and it has changed my life in many different ways. I feel as though I have become a kinder, more mature person in general and I have made life-long friends, including with many of the teachers.

Your Head of Year, who will be Mr Callander, is the person who supported me throughout my whole time at Holy Cross. You will be safe with him; he will not only be your Head of Year or teacher, but your friend too. I wholeheartedly believe that I would not be Head Girl without his support.

To conclude, I wish you all the best in September, and through the next five years. I am sure many of you will thrive at Holy Cross, but one last piece of advice would be to make every moment count, as your five years at high school go very quickly.

Ellie

Head Boy

Hello, my name is Nathan Ormerod and I am the current Head Boy at Holy Cross. I know for many the idea of transitioning to high school seems scary but trust me, it isn't. Many of you might worry about making friends and fitting in, however, there is no need to. When joining high school everyone is in the same position as you and if you are friendly and willing to help others you will make many friends. Another thing that people often worry about is getting lost and being late to class. When traveling to and from classes, many older year groups know their way around the school and are more than willing to help you.

Holy Cross is a friendly community and everybody always looks out for each other. If you have any problems don't be afraid to talk to the older pupils and ask for some help. I had to do this a few times too. People worry about forgetting equipment but at Holy Cross there is a school shop that has all the equipment you need for your classes, so if you carry some money with you to school then you won't have a problem with equipment. Furthermore, tutors and other teachers will also lend you equipment when necessary.

Another point many people also worry about is fitting in and being bullied. There is a zero tolerance to bullying at Holy Cross and if you do find that some pupils are being mean to you there are many teachers who will help you, such as our Chaplain, Mrs Walmsley (Linda); or our counsellor, Morna. When I first started high school, I thought it would be hard to make friends and I was very shy. However, I made plenty of friends and now on leaving Holy Cross, I have a group of amazing friends and I have more confidence and self-belief.

Nathan