

## Dear Year 6...

When I was getting ready to go to secondary school I was extremely nervous, especially since my old school was very small and it was a huge change. Then, when I first started, I was overwhelmed by the size of the school and the amount of students and I did get lost. But even one week in it was as if I had been there for years! At first I was so worried about being behind academically but I soon realised that I could fit right in and the teachers would help me with anything and are really supportive and motivating.

I was very surprised at all of the freedom and people and places and having new teachers and a new class but I am loving getting to know new people and new teachers and it's very exciting to work in proper science rooms and use DT equipment.

Compared to primary school secondary is a huge change, especially as you don't have somebody watching you all the time, but having more freedom gives you new opportunities and new responsibilities, like looking out for one another and honestly it's a lot more fun! Having a specific teacher for a specific subject is new too because you have to remember all those names but it is so much better because they know almost everything! It is also quite tricky to remember where all your classes are but the more time you spend at the school, you'll soon find you can be out one class and in the other in less than a minute!

The clubs and activities that the school offers are amazing. There is almost every club I can think of, even parkour club! There is also a wonderful school newspaper and a homework club if you want to get homework out of the way so that you can go to another club after school! This year there was a "Malmesbury's Got Talent" show that was so much fun, not only to watch but to participate in as well. There was also a silent disco which I went to with some of my friends and it was so much fun!

My favourite thing about Malmesbury School has to be lunchtime as the food is amazing and they also serve gluten free options which is awesome for people like me! Every Wednesday it is chicken wrap day and everyone really looks forward to it which is really nice and really quite funny!

Everyone here including the staff and most of the students are really nice and helpful. They can point you in which direction to go or help you clean the yogurt off your bag if your carton explodes in it like mine did! Student services and student support are really wonderful and helpful to anyone and everyone. They can help you with almost every problem there is and they are really nice people who know everything there is to know about Malmesbury School!

My advice to you is that you make the most of every day at Malmesbury school and that you surround yourself with people who can help you, not distract you, and that you listen to instructions and stay organised.

But most of all, enjoy Malmesbury School.

From Charlotte

## Dear Year 6...

When I was in year 6, I could not wait to join secondary school: new lessons, new friends, AMAZING food, more sports clubs and sports tournaments, and the freedom. I was excited to go to secondary, and I must admit I was also a bit nervous, but then I realised that there was nothing to worry about.

One thing I was not looking forward too was all the homework. I thought I was going to have ten pieces every night! But I was wrong, you do get more homework than you will in primary, but you get used to it and it will not be as much as you think. I have learned a lot being at Malmesbury secondary and I cannot wait to go back after quarantine.

Year Seven has been amazing so far. If you like sports like me, there are a lot of sports clubs you can do. So far this year I have been to netball, rugby, gymnastics, and swimming. My favourite was of course swimming, I swim competitively so when Mr Lambert announced in assembly that there was a school swim team I was thrilled. I also loved it because I got the opportunity to go to Millfield and race there with the rest of the swim team. I have also been to other schools for matches with the Netball team and the Rugby team. A great thing about the netball team too is that everyone gets a chance to go to a tournament.

From Isabelle

## Dear Year 6...

When I heard about the chance to help the new Year Sevens on their transitions to secondary, I jumped at the opportunity. The reason being is my story is a little bit different, but It might just help one of you.

When I started Malmesbury School, I knew nobody but my twin sister Erin. At first it was extremely daunting as I had nobody to talk to. My mum works at Malmesbury, and that's the reason why I came here.

At the start of the day I entered the hall at maybe a little bit before 8 am with my mum. We looked at what tutor group we were in and then sat down in our rows. Only about 15 minutes later, the hall flooded with other new Year Sevens. By 9 o'clock, Mrs Wood was in the hall greeting all of us. This helped my nerves quite a lot. In that assembly we got our packs of documents that were very important for the events to come. We made sure we put them tight in our bags, so they did not get lost. My first lesson was Maths. We did a teamwork activity and that is where I made friends with two lovely girls.

My main worries when I started secondary was making friends, but what you have to remember is everyone is in the same boat; everyone wants to make friend just like you do . I was also very worried about getting lost but we had our maps and if I'm honest, Malmesbury is not too hard to get around. I have only got lost once and that was because I forgot my planner, so as long as you have your planner, you will be fine. On our first couple of weeks we had about 3 minutes to get to each lesson which is enough to have a little chat and then go back to learning mode.

Since the start of Year Seven I have got involved in football club which is great because it is for boys and girls. I have also very much enjoyed lots of my lessons but most of all PE with Miss Alner.

My favourite thing about secondary school is it feels like a community - everyone is inclusive and very kind. The people who have helped me the most are: my tutor, student services and my friends.

**Some advice:**

Be yourself!

Have fun !

Stay healthy !

From Milly

## Dear Year 6...

First, at Malmesbury you shouldn't be afraid. If you have a question or a worry just ask; all the teachers and other people from different years will be happy to help. You can't get lost because you will be given a map at the start of the year. There are signs showing you the correct way to go or you could just follow your classmates or tutor group. You will always see familiar faces around whether it be an old classmate, a friend, or a teacher.

Lunchtimes: at lunch (12.30-1.30) there is a selection of different foods such as baguettes, flatbread, pizza, sandwiches, fruit pots, cookies, curry, and doughnuts. There are also drinks (flavoured or non-flavoured water) and there are drink fountains around the school so you can bring your own water bottle. In Year Seven you get a lunch card to pay with but while you wait for the card you can pay with cash. There are also lunch clubs (below). You will be let out early (because you're year 7) so you don't have to queue for as long. Keep your lunch card safe.

Clubs: either after school or lunchtime clubs are available. Your tutor will explain which ones you can do, and which ones will be available later in your school life.

Bus journey: you will be picked up at your nearest bus stop. Just look out for others wearing Malmesbury school uniform. You will also have to show your bus pass so keep it safe.

PE: you will have different PE lessons through the year such as netball, football, hockey, swimming and rugby. You will have to remember the correct PE kit to change in to depending on which sport you are doing that term. There are changing rooms for you to change in.

Houses: your tutor group will be put in a particular house there are four houses named after historical figures from Malmesbury. They are: Eilmer (yellow); Hobbes (red); Æthelstan (green); William (blue).

Assemblies: in year 7 you will have two different assemblies; year 7 assemblies and house assemblies. In the year seven assemblies Mrs. Wood (Senior Pastoral Leader) will talk to you and all the other year seven tutor groups. In the house assemblies your head of house will talk to you and all the other years in the same house as you.

From Fraser

## Dear Year 6...

I moved from a very small class in primary school (a class of six students) to join Malmesbury Secondary School. I was excited to make new friends but at the same time I was nervous because the school is so big, I thought I would get lost. However, when I joined the school, we all got given a map to help us. The teachers would be really friendly and check you were ok every once in a while, as well as the older students. The older students are really kind and helpful so don't be afraid to ask them for help. Because of all of the support we got, I never got lost and before I knew it, I knew the whole school inside out.

Malmesbury Secondary School is great fun. You get to be more responsible and also the canteen makes yummy food. One of my favorite things about Malmesbury school is that the Science experiments are such good fun. Also you get to be really creative in art lessons and drama lessons are really fun too. There is also textiles, cooking, woodwork (RM), and there are a variety of different languages- French, German and Spanish- you will learn two of these in Year 7. You will also have lots of fun in PE. As well as all that, there is Maths, English, Music, RS, iLearn, IT, Geography and History, which are also great fun.

I really like moving to different classrooms and having different teachers, as each teacher makes the lessons interesting in different ways.

Since joining Malmesbury I have settled in well in a lovely form and I have a really kind form tutor- your form tutor will help you through Malmesbury from the very beginning in year 7 to year 11, and they are always there for you. I have made so many new friends. Most of my new friends are from clubs at school. I have joined the netball team, gymnastics team, drama club and dance club.

There is nothing to worry about, it is an exciting time- I was ready for a change as I am sure you will be too.

From Teya

## Dear Year 6...

Year 7 was amazing. When I started everybody was so nice and helpful. It was very busy, especially at lunch time when everybody was trying to get their lunch, but we finally got something to eat. I was surprised by how nice everybody was, and how big the queues were.

I wasn't really worried about anything except my tutor group but I soon found out my tutor was amazing: everybody was so kind. I have made friends with everyone, though maybe not as much with the boys. And my tutor (Mr McCurdy) is really nice and funny. I am so happy to be in the tutor I am in 7MM.

A lot of things were different from Primary school because my primary was quite small (an 8th of Malmesbury) and we didn't swap around rooms, so I was used to being in one room a day, not 5 different rooms a day. There are also two floors compared to primary where there was only one floor and a small playground and a small field, but at Malmesbury there is a massive playground and a massive field. I did get lost a couple of times because everything looks the same, but I eventually found my way through everything.

I like having different teachers for different subjects because every teacher is different and are good at the subjects they teach.

My favourite things about Malmesbury school is the food, clubs, how kind everybody is and how helpful everybody is. I have got involved with some of the clubs hockey and netball.

My tutor has helped me a lot on what to do. The mentors helped about where to go and my friends and teachers have helped me too.

My advice for the year 6s is don't be worried about going to Malmesbury. I know it looks massive and everybody in there looks massive but everybody is here to help. And if you are lost or stuck on what to do, you can always go to the staff or your tutor or other students in the school.

From Matilda

Dear Year 6...

I started Malmesbury Secondary school last September. At first I was quite nervous; I thought I may not see my friends that were not in my tutor group again and I would get lost, as the school is really big compared to my primary school. However, after my first day I felt a lot better and I wanted to go back again for another day. I did get lost on my first, as I couldn't find the downward stairs and I was late to my lesson! However, the teacher understood and was not cross at all. We were given maps which were helpful too. I still manage catch up with all my friends including those not in my tutor group in my break and at lunchtimes.

Before I started in the September, I worried beforehand that I would not cope with all the homework and it would be really confusing going to so many lessons in one day. I was surprised how quickly I got into a routine and enjoyed the variety of lessons covering so many subjects.

My advice to all new Y7's would be to get to know your tutor group as soon as possible as you will make lots of new friends and spend lots of time with them. Also, if you want something from the lunch trolley / cafeteria, get there quickly, the queue gets long!!!!

From James

## Dear Year 6...

I think that to be prepared for secondary school, you need to have as clear a picture of what it is going to be like as possible. Think about how many friends you know who are also going to the same school ( I only knew around five or six) and try to see them and new people as much as possible - making a range of friends is always a good option! As for the people who you're not so keen on, just sort of try and forget about them - there are so much more people in secondary, it's much less likely you will meet them. There are so many more people, so if you find you're slightly stuck for friends, try and join some clubs where you will find lots of people who interested in the same things - and it will help narrow it down if you're a bit daunted by the vast expanses of people - I know I was!

For finding your way around, you will be given a map, which I found useful, though it can just make it confusing sometimes. There will be lots of Year Eights (us!) willing to point you in the right direction, and in the first few weeks the teachers might be a little lenient (though don't use it as an excuse for too long!). Once you know it, it will seem really easy - and it is, once you know!

The energy you have to put into your work is a lot greater, but the actual content is not a lot more than Year Six, at least at the beginning. The key is being organised - keep everything (or as much as possible!) tidy so you know where everything is. This makes it a lot easier to find books, pencil case, lunch card, planner.... especially if you weren't expecting to need it that day! You will be in charge of most of your subject books (cover them in sticky-back plastic so they don't get battered) and I suggest keeping them all at home and taking in the ones you need on the right days. If, like some people, that is just too much organisation (and you forget books occasionally, it can be difficult when you're tired) then a good idea is to keep them in your locker and select the right ones at the beginning of the day.

Keep track of homework - that's the best way to deal with it! Remember there will usually be a piece you have to do, so get it done as soon as possible. At the beginning of Year Seven there is usually a lot, but after about a term it begins to settle into a sort of rhythm - with the occasional project thrown in! Try really hard at assessments and languages - assessments will usually affect your reports, and language vocab you just need to remember. Other homework still needs effort, but when there is a lot it can tire you out fairly quickly.

Lastly, I think the most important advice is to talk to people. Talk to friends, talk to potential friends, talk to your tutor...all these people will support you when you need it. Talk to people outside your tutor group, on the bus, walking to school, in clubs. Share your nerves and you often find other people have them as well. Talking to people can be hard, especially when you want to make friends and all you can see is a sea of people looking at their phones. But some remark about homework, your favourite teacher or anything really can bring people out of the depths of silence - especially if you kind of know their face. Keep track of faces.

That's my advice, and I hope it's useful, though you'll find it all out anyway.

From Lizzie

## Dear Year 6...

When I first started, I was really worried that I wouldn't fit in or I wouldn't be in the same tutor group as my friends. I remember it being really chaotic because I wanted to be and see everything at once.

The first couple of days I just stayed with my friends from my school and didn't really talk to anyone else except my friends from my swim team. All the teachers were very welcoming and I can't remember how many times I lost my way... but everyone helped me out.

I think it helped that I had an older brother; he told me about Malmesbury (and the chicken wraps), and he told me about the teachers and where everything is, but all of my friends who don't have older siblings seemed to find their way easy enough.

Malmesbury School is way better than primary! The after-school clubs are my favourite, I really enjoyed rugby and the girls actually had a whole team!! I like having different teachers for different subjects because it gives you a little bit of change instead of having the same teacher again and again!

One of my favourite things about Malmesbury is the food!! In the morning you can have croissants and hot chocolate!! And on Wednesdays there are chicken wraps!! And the best thing... you are with your best friends the WHOLE time!

I always get to school very early at about 8:20 so me and my friends can hang out in the morning and talk to each other, I really enjoy that!

In the transition my form tutor Mr McCurdy really helped by talking to us and getting to know all about us. He also teaches my older brother and me science and we both thoroughly enjoy our science lesson! I love doing all the experiments on the Bunsen burner and one of my favourite lessons was dropping parachutes from the upper street.

I really enjoyed Malmesbury and I think that everyone else who goes will enjoy it just as much as me!!

From Annabelle

Dear Year 6...

Starting Year 7 was scary at first. It was a big school with lots of new people and teachers and it was a big step up from Year 6. You might worry about things such as getting lost, bullying, homework, being late to classes, or getting trouble.

When I started Year 7 I was super worried about all those things but now I never have those worries. At first it will seem a bit strange but you will enjoy your classes, get to know your teachers and make new friends, and you also get to go on fun trips such as the year 7 team building trip, which is super fun.

Year 7 is amazing fun as you get to learn lots of new things and join great clubs. You get opportunities to represent the school in tournaments in football, rugby, hockey and many more.

From Milo

## Dear Year 6...

When I first started Malmesbury School, I felt a bit nervous as the school was much bigger than my primary school. But I had my friends (and my map) so I didn't get too lost. Also, the fact that we had to take buses kind of worried me as well. I was sort of worried that I was going to miss mine. I felt that the work would be much harder than at primary but to be honest it wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. I was also worried that I would get separated from my friends but luckily most of them were in the same tutor as me. Even though I got separated from others, I could still meet up with them at break and have lunch with them which was great.

My primary school was smaller than Malmesbury and I thought I would always get lost but after a week or two I didn't need my map anymore and I could find my way around school easily. I liked having different teachers but at first it felt kind of difficult learning all their names and what classes they taught. That's another thing that's different from my primary. We didn't have as many teachers, so it was easier to remember their names.

I got involved in different clubs. There are lots to choose from. Also, not all of them are after school so if you couldn't do one of the clubs that was after school, you could do something like art club at lunchtimes etc.

I like everything about Malmesbury School. There are lots of different people that you meet, and you make lots of new friends as well. You can get your own locker. There are lots of different clubs to do... The teachers and some of the older students that I've met have helped me to get to find my way around school and other things.

I would tell the Year 6 students not to worry because everyone is really friendly and that you also have your tutor to help you. The teachers are always there if you need them and also Student Services is a big help if you lose something or you don't know where your next lesson is. Overall, I think there's not much to worry about. You'll have your friends and teachers alongside you on your journey through secondary. It'll be fun.

From Eva

Dear Year 6...

When I first started Year 7, I was worried about many of the usual things like: Was I going to get to the right lessons on time? Was I going to make new friends? Would I fit in? When I arrived it was a weight lifted off my shoulders – they were supportive and helpful and the assemblies and tutor helped you develop an understanding of how the school timetable works and how to find your way around the school and many other things.

After being at the school for a few weeks you begin to really settle in and it becomes the new normal. You feel more independent whether that's the freedom, moving classrooms or having different teachers. I have done netball and hockey, which have been very fun to do beside all the work!

I would tell Year 6s to not worry if it doesn't feel very normal or isn't what you expected it to be because you will make new friends and learn new things and have many great experiences that will come your way.

From Mia

Dear Year 6...

I have been stuck on this for an hour and have rewritten it like 20 times but all I can think to say is:

Never doubt yourself, ever. Challenge yourself as you are as smart as you want to be. Keep your mind open to new opportunities as you continue to work hard. Allow yourself to be a better person: Year 7 is a clean slate and you can be who you want to be. No one can define your success except for you.

Wow, that was cringy but it is true. I hope you have an amazing Year 7 and I can't wait to see all of you, especially Crudwell people!

From Lucy

Dear Year 6...

When I first started at Malmesbury School, the work was simple and enjoyable. Obviously I was nervous about my learning and how I'd get on but actually I feel like I'm at a stable position with my work and if I do get stuck, I feel comfortable with asking my teachers.

Walking into school on your first day and seeing all the older kids can be scary but they're all fairly welcoming as well as all the teachers. When you put on the uniform it's the best feeling because you feel you belong somewhere and personally I'm proud to wear the Malmesbury badge.

From Havana

## Dear Year 6...

Before I first started Malmesbury secondary school I was absolutely terrified, nervous and a bit hesitant. I was scared about how much bigger the school was compared to my primary school. But then as soon as I had been there for a couple of days I was perfectly fine and had settled in nicely.

I was quite surprised though when I actually had a proper look inside because I bet I know what you are all thinking, it's massive. I mean it's so long and tall and... But really it's not all that bad it's smaller than you think and nicer than you know.

On your first couple of days I know it's scary for some people, moving between classrooms, having different teachers and not being with all the friends you wanted to be with, but trust me when I say this, the teachers are absolutely lovely and very kind and they will surely help you every step of the way, just like they helped me.

If you are one of those types of people who love sports then that's fine because here at Malmesbury Secondary School we have loads of after school clubs like: Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Rugby and way more...

I think the one thing most people like is the food. There's Chicken wraps, burgers, fish and chips and there's also hot chocolate and milkshakes, which I think you will all love.

If you ever need help in school you can either talk to someone you know and trust, a teacher, or there is a student services who can definitely help.

And last just remember you are not alone there are hundreds of other younger people who are feeling just like you and there's nothing to be afraid of.

From Olivia

# Dear Year 6...

## **What is it like starting in Malmesbury secondary school?**

In the first few days of joining Malmesbury school you will be amazed about how much freedom you have compared to primary. But all this new space around school is a bit overwhelming at the start but in a week, it will feel like home.

### **Things I worried about:**

I worried about being bullied and hurt by all the older kids, I also worried about getting lost and being late to class. But these worries all went away in a week of being in Malmesbury School. You find out that the older ones just mind their own business and all the other Year 7s are just as anxious as you are.

### **Differences between primary and secondary**

When you first start secondary you will be shocked about how much you can do at break time and lunch.

You can pick whatever you want from the canteen and even go to the vending machines at the activity zone. But the teachers let you do this because there is a massive level of trust that the teachers want you to abide to. The teachers trust you not to be late for class, and the teachers trust you to go to the activity zone which is a public place.

### **Get involved!**

A massive part of going to a new school is the brand new things you can do like take part in parkour club on Friday lunch times, join an after school club like football club or ultimate frisbee and if you take part in an after school club, you may even be picked for the school first team! ;)

### **Advice from me**

I would recommend trying a school sausage roll or some curry chips because they are delicious. I would also recommend exploring the school in break time and lunch time because you will want to know your way around. But watch your time because you do not want to be late for class. I would also recommend if you bring in air pods, keep them in your bag because they can be lost very easily. But in general, just enjoy school and meeting new people.

From Ethan

Dear Year 6...

Being in Year 7 was not hard. When you first start, everybody looks after you and helps you if you don't know where to go or you need help.

When I started Year 7 I was nervous about getting on the bus and going to a school I had never been to before, but by the end of the week I was fine because I got used to it and I got used to my new class and friends.

Leaving Minety was weird but it isn't strange or weird anymore, it's fine.

From POPPY

## Dear Year 6...

On my first day at Malmesbury School I was a mixture terrified and excited. On one hand I was worried about getting lost, homework, and the people in my tutor group, but on the other, I was so excited to have new classes like Food tech, dance and drama, and to meet new people. But I soon figured out that all the things I worried about did not matter because all the teachers understand how scary it is to transition from primary to secondary. There is always somebody to ask if you need help, and you soon learn that everyone else in Year 7 is going through the same thing you are.

One of the things that surprised me the most when transitioning was how big Malmesbury School was. I had come from a small village school so the school was like a fortress to me. But do not worry; the teachers give you a map of the school before your lessons so you know where everything is. I remember getting lost once where they had changed our class from one room to another. I was in my guitar lesson for the first 20 minutes for the lesson and when I went to the usual classroom, there was another class already in it. I was quite confused, so I asked student services and they took me to the classroom my tutor group was in. Everyone is happy to help, and the teachers understand if you get lost. To me, I love having different teachers and different classrooms. It is nice to have different environments to learn in.

After the first few weeks of being in Malmesbury School you go on a team building trip to Cotswold Water Park. You do all sorts of activities like mud biking, climbing and Jacobs Ladder. It is a chance to enjoy new experiences and make new friends. There is also the Christmas Bazaar, which is where you make up a Christmas related game or something to sell. It teaches you about investing in your own business and independent working, it is also a charity event for the charity your house chose. Another thing is that you have great fun with your friends!

My favourite thing about Malmesbury is probably lunch. You are given your own lunch card at the start of the year and you can go to one of the three food stalls to get lunch. They have delicious food every day, especially Wednesday which is Chicken wrap day: one of the best things I have ever tasted. Also they have breakfast in the mornings with baguettes with your choice of filling, croissants, pain au chocolate, toast, hash browns and a choice of drinks. The canteen is also open at break in the morning where they serve pizzas, baguettes, strawberry milkshakes, and all cold drinks. And at lunch it depends on the day.

My advice to all Year 6s is to not worry. Some of you might think that as soon as you get to Secondary that you'll be told off for getting to a lesson late, or someone will bully you. It is not like that. Genuinely, everyone is really nice and you will soon just think of Secondary as normal school. Secondary allows you to experience new things and find out what you want to do when you're older. And Year 7 is where that journey starts.

From Bethan

# Dear Year 6...

## What it is like being a year 7 at Malmesbury secondary school

When I first started Malmesbury secondary school I was excited but scared at the same time. I had been told about what it is like by my brother, but I did not really know what to expect! My worries were being late to class because there is no bell in secondary and you have to keep track of time! Also getting E behaviours because I hate getting in trouble; when I get told off I don't take it very well and sometimes even cry! So, on my first day I was on my best behaviour and arrived at my first class 15 minutes early! But I have learnt that the best time to go to class is about 5 minutes before it starts so when you get there you only have to wait 5 minutes instead of 15!

## Things you will expect in secondary school

In secondary there are many different things you have to remember. The first thing you have to remember is there are stairs and you can only go up a specific set of stairs and down too! On my first few days I was going down the set of stairs that you had to go up on! But luckily someone told me about it so now I know which set of stairs to go up on and down on. You also have different teachers! But you will have a tutor group and you stick together every lesson (except maths). You will also have a tutor and every day you have to go to your tutor room where he/she will tell you what's new and you spend the first 15 minutes of the day with your tutor. Then you head off to your classes! And later in the year you will get maths sets and be put in a group of people you do not know but some of your tutor will be there as well. You will spend all of your maths classes with your maths set.

Also you are allowed to join any clubs. All you have to do is show up! It is that easy! And if you're lost just ask any of the older kids or teachers! They will gladly tell you!

From Claudia

Dear Year 6...

When I started at Malmesbury School it was fun. I had a friend and I met new friends.

I was worried about missing classes, but I was only late one time.

I was surprised how many people there were, especially at lunch.

Size difference: everything was bigger. The people were bigger, the amount of people was bigger. Playground is bigger, massive field, lots of classrooms.

I got lost once.

I liked having different teachers, there are some really nice good ones.

My tutor helped me when I missed the bus home because my stuff was in someone else's locker (my locker wasn't ready yet). He got the master key and got my bag out, then took me to student services where they rang my mum to collect me.

P.S. Don't put your stuff in someone else's locker near the end of the day.

From Sonny

Dear Year 6...

When I first started at Malmesbury, I hardly knew anyone in my tutor group but I made friends quickly and my teachers made sure no-one was left out.

I was worried that I wouldn't be able to get lunch before it had all gone but because we get let out earlier, I always get lunch.

I was surprised at how quickly I got to know my way around; all you have to do is know which end you are at!

My primary was really small so when I moved up it was a huge step, but I finally got my head around it.

I like having lots of teachers and classrooms because it is nice to have a change.

I am part of the Malmesbury Equestrian team.

From Skye

Dear Year 6...

Hello, I started Malmesbury secondary school in 2020 and to be truthful I found it was very overwhelming, but I kept going and the school recognised this, and they did everything they could to help me and now I love secondary school.

One of the things they did for me was give me a special card that let me leave class if everything got too much for me. They also gave me a buddy from the sixth form and she would come down every now and again and she would help me relax and it really helped me. Then they set up a trip to LS every Wednesday and I got to cuddle the bunnies Lucy and Sophie. Whilst I was there I would talk to one of the carers, who worked in learning support, and they let me tell them how I was feeling and what had happened during my week and this really helped me.

The teachers at secondary school are really nice and help you when you need it. They are very understanding when you are struggling, and they are the main reason I love secondary school.

Thank you for reading and goodbye.

From Edward