What Our Pupils Say...

We asked eight current Year 7 students how they had settled into life at Cardinal Allen and what they would like to say to current Year 6 Students who are due to start in September. Here is what they said...

How do you like Cardinal Allen so far?

"Cardinal Allen is a good school to be at and I like it because if something happens it will always get sorted out" Gracie

"Cardinal Allen is superb even during the Covid restrictions, the staff tried their hardest to keep us safe. And all the clubs on top of that!" Joshua

"It's really fun and everybody is very friendly and all the after school clubs are really fun." Gabriella

"It's great because people are always around to help you and people are so friendly." Finlay

What does a Year 7's week look like?

"It looks very different because you go to other classes." Gabriella

"Every day is different and exciting." Daniel

"A great fun filled week with different lessons every hour." Thomas

"We are constantly moving around and being in different rooms helps so much as you can look around you and the displays can help you if you are struggling." Finlay

What are the teachers like at school?

"They are very fun, nice and funny. If you need help doing anything, they will help you and support you." Gabriella

"Kind and they help you when you have problems." Thomas

"The teachers are nice and are always there to help you out." Finlay

How do you find your way round school?

"You will get a tour when you arrive but if you still end up being lost just ask a teacher and they will tell you." Beau

"I knew my way round school from the first day" Joshua

"I find my way round school by memorising it. If I forget where a room is, I go to the nearest door and ask the teacher which way or ask another student in a higher year or a friend of mine." Elliot

"The school gives you a great tour and teachers will always help you if you get lost." Thomas

"It's scary the first week or so, but after a while it gets easier and you learn your way." Finlay

How do you make new friends?

"I made one friend by them having a joke with me, then we became friends. I made my other friends by just talking to them." Gracie

"Just go up to them!" Joshua

"Start talking to them and be nice!" Daniel

"I made new friends after a week or two as I am a nervous person at times and after that I saw that some of my old friends were hanging out with new people and that's how I also made new friends. Another way to make friends is by asking people about themselves, then just start talking." Elliot

What new subjects do you learn?

"PSHE, Music, Art and Design Technology." Beau

"New subjects are Drama, Food Tech and PSHE and they are very fun because I didn't do these subjects in my primary." Gabriella

"I have learnt several new subjects, for example Product Design, Electronics, Creative Technology, a lot more music, more art and tons more. In product design, I have started making a storage box. In music, I am learning the keyboard, it's so much more fun!" Elliot

"I'm learning new subjects like PSHE, IT, Product Design and Drama. Even the old lessons I've done, I can do better in them!" Finlay

How much homework do you get?

"There is quite a bit of homework, but it is not a big problem because we get quite a while to do it and hand it in." Gracie

"You get quite a lot of homework, but you get a week to complete it most of the time." Beau "A little bit, but because it's online it's pretty fun." Joshua

"You don't get a lot of homework and you have quite a lot of time to do it and you can ask for help." Gabriella

What would you like to tell Year 6 pupils about Cardinal Allen High School?

"When you join Year 7 at Cardinal Allen don't be nervous because it is easy to make new friends and the teachers are very supportive" Gracie

"Not to worry because you can make a lot of new friends and you will easily find your way around school." Beau

"It's really, really fun. Even though we didn't move around at first due to the Covid restrictions, I loved it and I think that you will too." Joshua

"This school is the one choice that many would pick. We are not just a school, we are a community and we stick together." Thomas

"Cardinal Allen is a great school and we are so close to one another. It feels like you aren't coming to see teachers and pupils, you are coming to see friends."

Finlay