The Pupil Perspective

Here are the thoughts of some of our current S1 pupils on the move from primary to high school



"I remember my first day walking up to those big metal gates and wondering if I'd like it here. I enjoyed my first day and had a wonderful time and met lots of new people who have become friends. My advice to the P7s is to listen to your teachers and talk to others as that's the best way to meet new people."

Taylor Millar



"My experiences in STJOHS have been amazing! There is a variety of different opportunities. I have been involved in Glee Club, Dance and School Band. Before coming here I remember being so nervous about what would happen. However, now that I am here, I am enjoying the freedom and responsibilities. My advice to the P7s is to join as many clubs as possible."

Olivia Donnelly



"I have settled in well to high school and I look forward to many more years here. One of my biggest achievements this year has been getting into the school football team. My first day was like a roller coaster of all my different emotions! My advice for the new first years is that it is good and not scary at all!"

Kyle Walton



"Before I came to Ogilvie I was a little nervous — I mean who wouldn't be nervous coming to a school with 1000 people, but when I got to my first class I started to feel a bit better and I got through the first day and was excited for the next. I feel OK now because I know where everything is and I have settled in well. I have also made new friends since I started. My advice is that there is nothing to worry about, it's really good!"

Jack Rooney



"Before I came to high school, I was a little scared and nervous but now I realise I did not have to be as all the teachers are so helpful. My favourite moment of high school so far was going to Manchester to watch Manchester United versus Partizan Belgrade! My favourite subject is PE. My advice is not to be nervous, you'll make lots of new friends."

Cian Kinney

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"Before I came to high school I was nervous. Now I feel much more confident. I have made lots of new friends. I've settled in nicely and hopefully made a good impression on my teachers. My favourite subjects are Modern Studies, English and Music. I enjoy Glee Club which is like choir but with instruments. I also enjoyed participating in the X Factor. My class won!""
"My first ever period in high school was Science. It was really col when you walked into the Science lab and saw all the equipment. I have settled in really well and think that the P7s shouldn't be nervous about coming here as it is quite like Primary except a lot bigger!" Finan Gallagher
"My first day at Ogilvie was great but a little confusing at times with all the different classes, subjects and teachers. Everything was new with hundreds of new people. I feel that I have come so far and I love being here. I've so many new friends and everyone is so nice. For all the P7s right now, I can't wait to see you. Just try your best at all times and you will be fine." Emilie Adamson
"I was a bit nervous before I came to Ogilvie. The most difficult thing as learning people's names. I like Science (Chemistry and Physics) and I also find Modern Studies really interesting. I enjoyed the trip we went on to Loch Lomond as well. The advice I would give to P7 pupils is just to not worry about anything. You might not believe me but it was easy getting used to high school and I really enjoy it."
"The first day I wasn't as nervous I as I thought I would be and I really enjoyed the day. I feel like everyone has settled in well and nobody has had a 'bad' start. I had nothing to worry about and it was all just in my head. In February I am going to London with the dance team to do workshops with famous dance teachers. I can't wait!" Freya Meechan