

Dear P7 pupils,

I am writing this letter to tell you a little about Kirkintilloch High School. My name is Ross and I am the S1 vice-house captain for Holmfield. There are also vice-house captains for the other houses which are Napier, Peel, Solsgirth and Waverley.

There are always a lot of scary stories that go around primary school about high school - none of the ones that I heard were true! The teachers at the high school are really supportive and helped us settle in to the school very well. The older pupils were good at helping us get around the school. It is different, and I was nervous when I started but I was made to feel very safe and I have enjoyed my first year at the high school.

There are lots of new subjects to learn in high school, such as Design & Technology and we learn more about Modern Languages, Music and Art. My favourite is Maths and the teachers are really good at making sure you are challenged but enjoying yourself at the same time. It is strange moving around the school to each class after being used to the same primary school classroom all the time and getting new teachers every period takes a while to get used to, but very quickly you get used to it and forget what primary was like!

My typical Wednesday, when we weren't in lock-down, the day starts with Registration. This is completely new from primary as this is a class to take attendance and to make sure that we are all ready to start the day. First period is Modern Languages and this year I've done French, Mandarin and Spanish. The next period is Design and Technology {in the workshop} where I built my dad a desk tidy. After that I would have my break at 10:45 which lasts for 15 minutes. We are able to go into the quad, a place where only S1's can go and get some peace. After break I go to Modern Studies where we look at what is going on in the world at this time. 4<sup>th</sup> period is Home Economics to do some cooking, before lock-down we were doing Chinese food and it was really nice!

Lunch at high school is really good, some people take a packed lunch, others use the cafe and there is also a really good deli-bar to get food freshly made. My last 2 periods of Wednesday are English and Music, Music is really interesting as we get to try lots of different instruments that we never did at primary and I am learning about lots of different musical types.

There are different things you can do at high school, I've played football for the school team and also I'm learning to play the trombone as well. There are great clubs either during lunch or after school and I really enjoyed the after school rugby club.

Another thing that I found a bit strange was that in my primary we didn't wear shirt and tie all the time it was nearly always a polo shirt. The uniform at the high school is shirt, tie and blazer and you quickly get used to wearing it and it's good that we all look so smart.

I will look forward to welcoming you to the school and I hope you will enjoy your first year as much as I did.

Yours sincerely

Ross, S2