

Dear year fours (almost year fives!),

I'm writing to tell you congratulations! You got into Oakfield Academy, and I'm going to tell you all about it. I'm a year 7, and on your first day in year 5 I'll be a year 8. I can't believe I've been here three years, it doesn't feel that long at all! Once you settle in it feels just like first school. Well of course there'll be changes, but you get used to them so quickly!

I know some of you (well, a lot of you) will be really nervous about joining such a big school. It is big, but I promise there is nothing to be scared of! I remember when I first came here I wondered how anyone found their way around, but it isn't as hard as it looks at all. The teachers are all really friendly and helpful, especially at first, they show you to everywhere you need to go. It only takes a few weeks before you know it yourself anyway! I'm sure you'll make lots of new friends who can help you too. Walking around the school you might meet Acorns the dog as well! She's a chocolate labrador, a really cute one too.

My favourite lessons at Oakfield: art, drama, and PE. I think they're so fun!

The art room is amazing, it has loads of drawings and parts of clay models all over, so it turns out so bright and colourful. We have a drama studio too, with a lot of props and things you might need for a performance!

We have two school fields, a football/basketball court, and some gym equipment by the playground.

Along with this, we have two science labs, a cooking room, and a DT room.

When you get to year 6 you even get your own little

playground with equipment in it, I loved that in year 6!  
We have after school clubs too, like sports and extra homework time.

Some of the changes at Oakfield will be journals, merits and smileys.

Journals are little notebooks you are given at the beginning of the year, where you can record website names, google classroom codes, and merits.

You get smileys from being well-behaved, and following the infinity curriculum. Five of these smileys make a merit. Once you have fifteen merits you get a bronze badge that you can sew onto your jumper, and you get more badges for thirty, sixty, and one hundred and twenty merits, all different colours.

I'm sure you'll adjust to these changes really quickly, and make lots of new friends at Oakfield.

It'll feel as natural as first school in no time.

Don't forget to always follow our rules, and we can't wait to meet you all in September. Believe and Achieve!

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