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Dear Sixth Class Students

For all of us here at Coláiste Cholmcille, we feel that what the students think about life here says the most about us as a school. In a time of great uncertainty, it is reassuring to read the testimonials below about the first term at CCBS for our current first years. They have settled in fantastically well and risen to the challenges they have been faced with.

D McGuinness – Deputy Principal

Student Testimonials

To Sixth Class

My name is Hannah and I am in 1.1, which is Year 1 Class 1. There are so many great things about being in Coláiste Cholmcille, we have an amazing canteen, very friendly teachers, staff and so much more! I was very nervous about starting in first year but now I realise that there was no need to worry. My best advice would be to stay organised, don't be late to class and most importantly talk to people and make new friends. I hope you get on well.

Dear 6th Class Students

Hi Róise here, I am in 1.1. I hope you are all excited about starting 1st year. I have really enjoyed my time here so far. I would recommend talking and socialise with people that may not have been your friends from primary school. I would also recommend being organised with all your subjects and put your head down and work. This makes school life a lot easier. Good Luck!

Dear 6th Class

My name is Clara and I am in first year in Coláiste Cholmcille. At first, I was nervous but once I got into school on the first day, I learnt that there was nothing to be nervous about. My favourite thing about secondary school is that you get to try new subjects such as Woodwork, Metalwork, Music, Home Economics and more. I also like that we get to move classrooms.

Dear 6th Class

My name is Eoin, I am in 1.1. Coming from a small school the thought of going to a secondary school with 600 students was daunting. Thankfully I settled in really easily.

Dear 6th Class

I started off on my own, all my friends and classmates were going to other schools. I would say I have settled in nicely. Starting on your own provides you with your own tasks like making friends but with the help of my Tutor and Year Head I have made a bunch of new friends, while keeping in touch with my friends from primary school.

Dear 6th Class

My name is Ciara and I am in class 1.3. I remember the day before I started in Coláiste Cholmcille I was so nervous, but now I know there was no need to be. All the teachers are very nice and approachable you can ask or tell them anything. I recommend getting a folder for each class to be more organised. On the last day before our Halloween break, we got to carve pumpkins and we watched a movie!

Dear Sixth Class

My name is Aoife and I'm in 1.3. 1st year is great and there is nothing to worry about going into it. This year instead of lockers we have the option to bring in a box to store our books in. We have a base room which is for subjects that don't need anything in a specific room, like Maths, English, Irish etc. There are a lot of new subjects you get to do, and at the end of the year you choose your two favourite. We have six subjects in a day, each lasting an hour long.

Dear Sixth Class,

My name is Emma I started school here in Colaiste Cholmcille at the start of September. Starting school, I was a tiny bit nervous but after a few days at the school I realised it wasn't as big as I had expected, and you quickly learn where all your classes are. When I was put into my class 1:4 I only knew 1 or 2 people from primary school. Over the past few months, I have made loads of new friends with people in my class and others that aren't in my class.

Dear Sixth Class,

My name is Emily Colton and I am in class 1.2. On my first couple of days the school seemed really big but trust me when I say that when you are in the school for a couple of days it really doesn't seem that big. It is very exciting starting all the new subjects that you didn't do in primary school like Woodwork, T.G, Home Economics and Metalwork. You meet with your tutor every morning for ten minutes before your first class and they make sure your organised for the day. The best tips I could give to you would be to make notes in your journal and concentrate in your classes.

Dear 6th Class

Do not worry about 1st year, there are a lot of fun classes like Woodwork. Keep your boxes tidy and do your homework the day you get it. There is actually not a lot of new subjects. There is a catch-up weekend every two weeks. The teachers are nice and they will give you help if you need it.

Dear Sixth Class

My Name is Johnny and I am in class 1.3. The differences between primary and secondary school are moving classrooms, longer classes, different classes, new friends and a bigger school, so there is nothing you need to worry about. The advice I would give you is to get your books ready and be at your next class 5 minutes before the break is over. I have joined the school badminton competition that TY are running for us.