



Good evening, my name is Wanda. As you know I joined St Anne's last year in September. Ever since I joined, I've grown new connections with people across many forms and also year groups.

In the beginning, (way back during summer school) I knew nobody. I was the only student from my primary school to come to St. Anne's. That was very scary and I was so anxious and couldn't build up the courage to go up to anyone and introduce myself. However, our group leaders had us do all these fun activities and suddenly I had a lot of new friends, whom I still have close relationships with today. For example, I met one of my closest friends because we were set on a task to find a common interest with someone else. We both love Hamilton and became inseparable from that point. That was just the beginning.

When I started school on Induction day, I hoped to be in a form with all my summer school friends, unfortunately, that didn't happen. But, I met many new people and became friends with them.

There are always fun opportunities for pupils. There was world book day in March where we were invited to dress up as book characters. There was also a poetry slam where we were welcome to share poetry. There are feast fortnights where we celebrate and learn about the different patron saints of each house. World maths day happened recently, where there was a global competition for top mathematician in the world. At the beginning of the year, we went on a trip to Herts Young Mariners where we took part in different team-building exercises and given the opportunity to meet new people.

Since I like sports, I've joined the netball, football, tennis and athletics clubs. They're a lot of fun and I've also met new people there. There are teams for each sport which play against other schools.

I also joined the school choir and gospel choir. Gospel choir is such a cool place to be because of all the new experiences. Gospel choir isn't just about singing. Our conductor, Marsha always helps us push ourselves out of comfort zones and teaches us important life lessons, which are helpful in a world like ours today.

For me, St Anne's is a special, unique place to be. Secondary school can be scary and daunting at times. It might feel strange and unfamiliar at first but the teachers, older students and others will always be there to support you.

Thank you