

## Ola's Speech



Good evening soon to be students of St. Anne's and parents. My name is Ola and I am in Saint Catherine House.

My journey at St. Anne's has been an amazing, challenging and fantastic experience. It has been wonderful making new friends and reaching the Saint Anne's expectations. Last year at this time I was so excited but also really nervous to start secondary school because it was a completely different phase and there were so many news students, parents and teachers. It was just mind blowing; I remember sitting in the audience with my dad like you are right now and watching two year seven students give a speech and I told my dad "oh I want to do that!... they seem so cool and amazing!" Well look at me right now! But let me let you in on one secret it's not by coincidence or by Sherlock it's because I believed and worked towards it. That is one of my main rules always believe and work hard towards your goals and then one day you will achieve them. Take notes people!

Anyway, in the summer holidays I remember going to get my new uniform and dressing up in it marvelling at the thought that I was soon going to be a properly and student. ha! The thought made me shiver with excitement a little, but you all know why; I was starting secondary school. Yes, you might feel that fear or that nervousness or that worry, but the way to overcome it is summer school. Yes, there is a summer school and it's fun, like really fun! You get to do things like making hot air balloons for eggs projects and lots more. But the point is summer school is a really great for blending in and there's lots of teamwork meaning that you can see who you might work well with and a way to make friends; make lots of friends! So, I encourage you to go to summer school because on that first day of school it can be really nerve-racking but because you went to summer school you can see your friends and it will be amazing for you.

When I started school in September it was so new and weird moving to new classrooms after each lesson because in primary school we stayed in the same classroom all day unless we had D&T, PE or library time, so it was incredibly different and tiring. Imagine having to carry a heavy bag full of books and stationery and food and stress relievers and okay, well that'll be you soon but I'm sure you guys are used to it by the time you're in your second or third week of year 7 like me or you can get a locker and save yourself all the stress of carrying that heavy bag!

Some challenges I faced as a new year seven were forgetting books, being late to school, a heavy school bag, wrong uniform, so many! but listen to my greatly loved advice. Always get ready the night before. It helps you become prepared and an advantage of getting everything ready the night before is you don't need to run out the house in the morning looking for a shoe or a brush or a book or lipstick, not lipstick but I think you know what I mean.

The teachers at St. Anne's always encourage us to push ourselves to be the best we can be and they are always willing to help. I think you will meet some nice teachers in your journey at Saint Anne's. Year 7 has probably been one of the most exciting experiences I've ever had. I know that many of you may feel nervous on your first day of school, but remember me and know that you can always come to me for more of my greatly loved advice and speak to me when you start school. I wish you the best of luck, grace and love through you joining at St. Anne's.

Thank you so much for listening 🙌😊❤️