



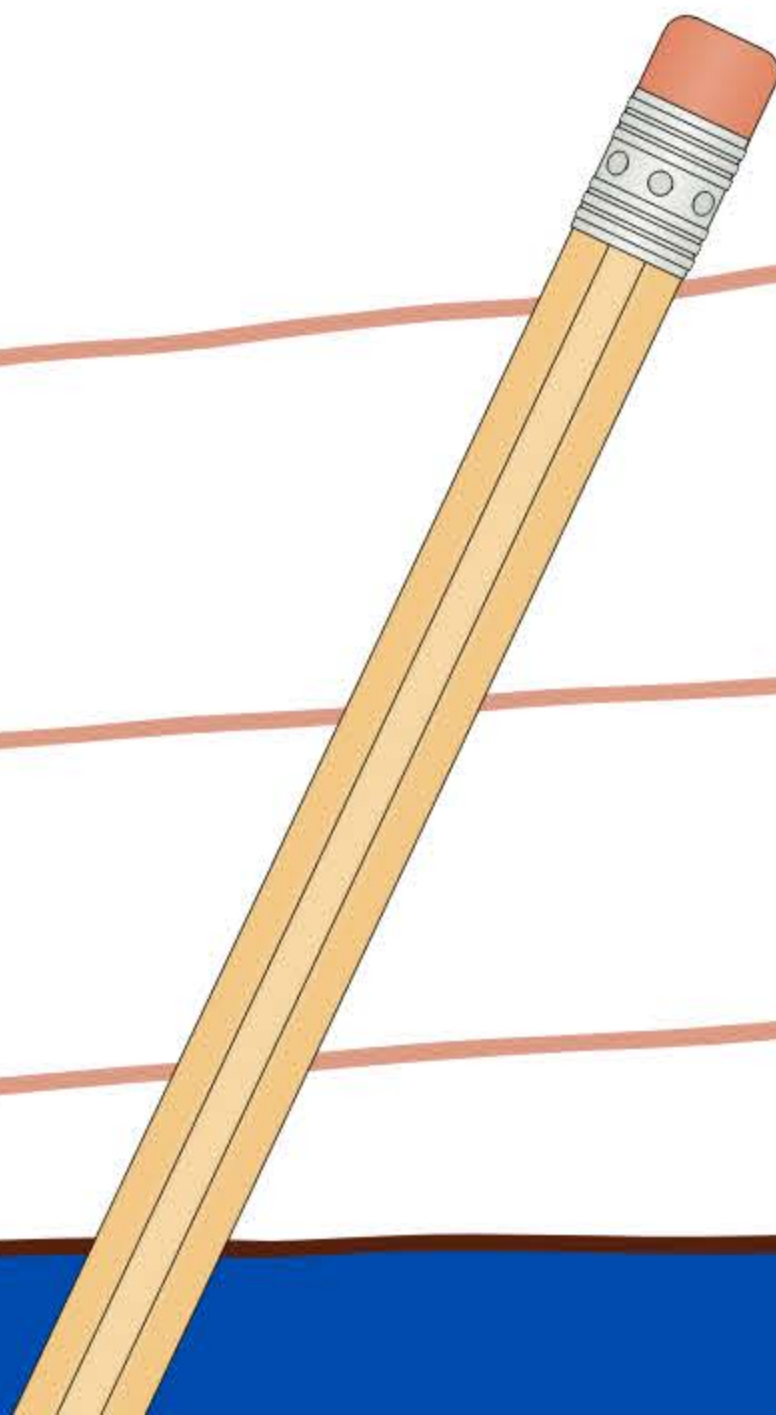
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Student Voices

'Our First Term'

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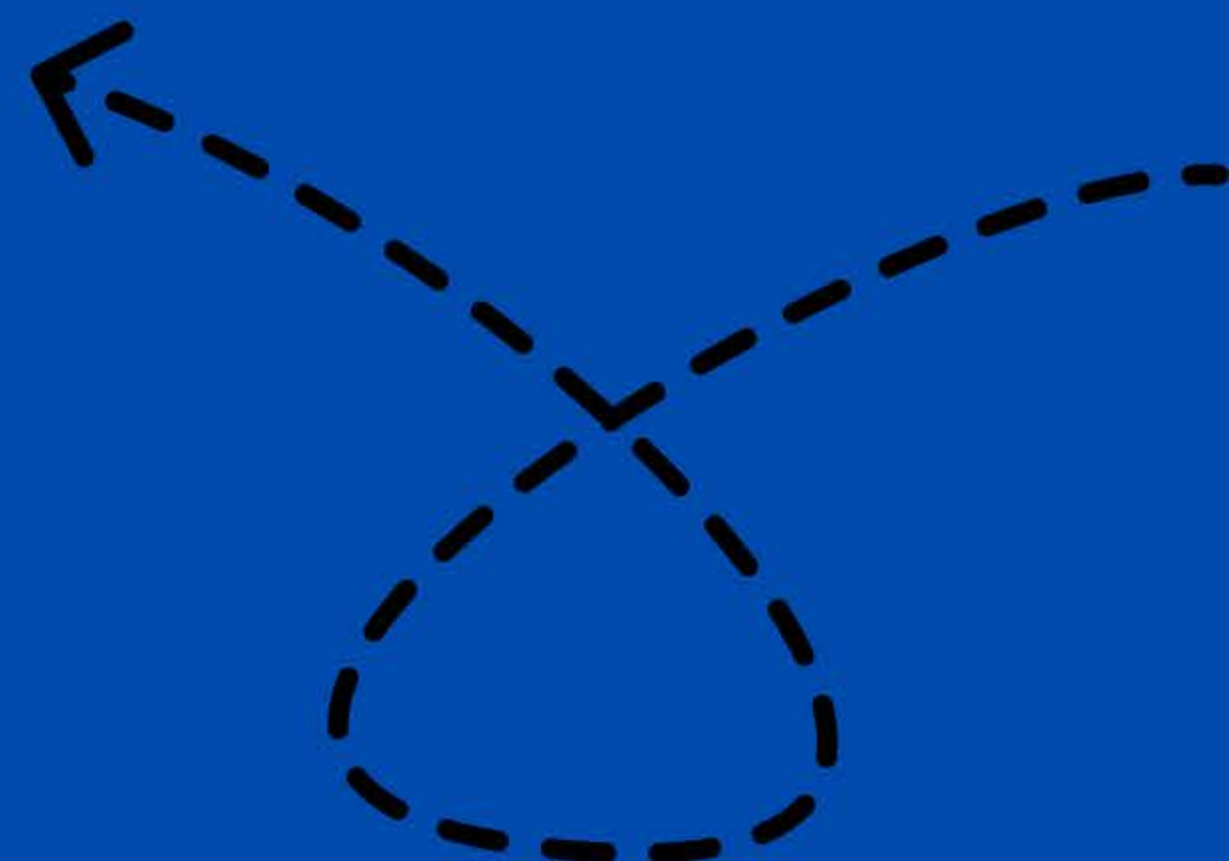
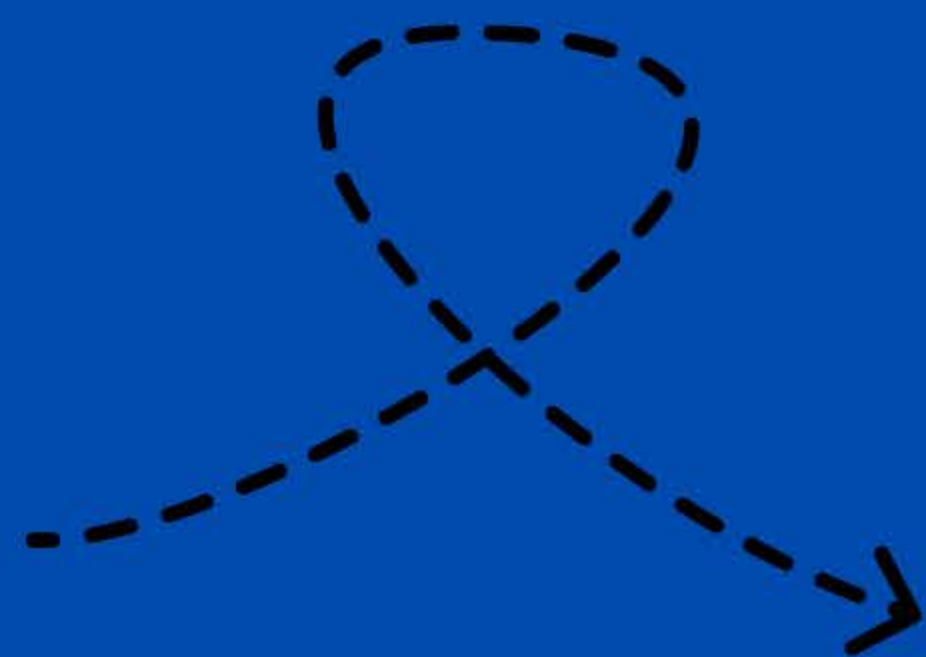
Leader of Learning – Year 8

A warm welcome to everyone!

As we approach the end of a very successful first term, our students in Year 8 were asked for their thoughts and feelings about life and learning in Belfast Model School for Girls. We hope that their comments will give you an insight into their experiences and show you how happy and settled they are, with their learning and school life.



Heidi Lyttle – Glenwood PS
Evie Patterson – Wheatfield PS
Nevaeh Irvine – Springfield PS
Lexi Andrews – Harmony PS
Leona Smyth – Ballysillan PS
Phoebe Taylor – Ligoniel PS
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Heidi Lyttle

Primary School:

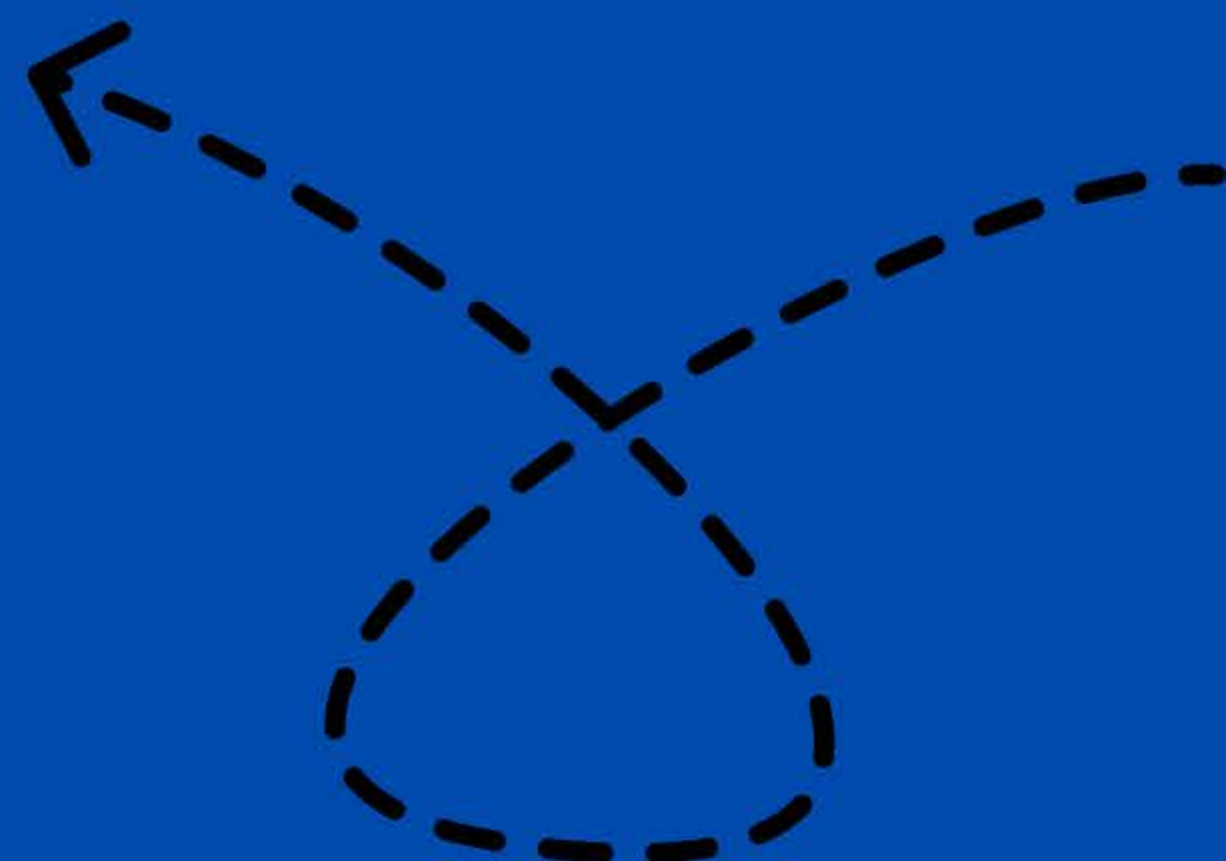
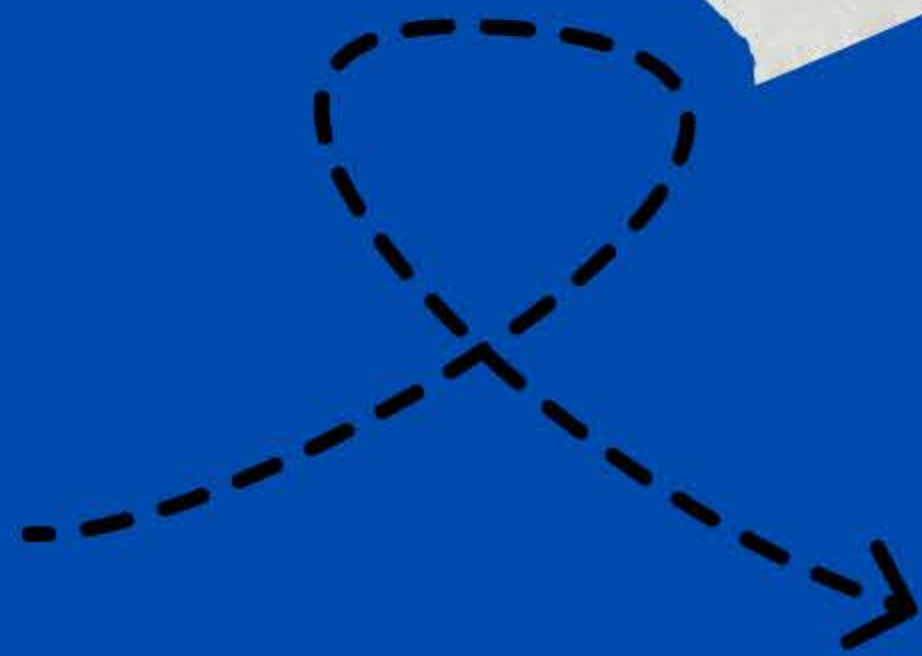
Glenwood PS

The night before my first day as a Girls' Model student I felt excited about new subjects, new after-school clubs, making new friends and the chance to meet my new teachers.

My first term has been the best ever! So far I have joined the Trampolining Club, made lots of new friends and discovered a love for Hockey.

My favourite subjects are Art because I love drawing, H.E. because I love cooking, Spanish because learning a language is interesting and Science because I love doing experiments!

A piece of advice I would give to a P7 student is don't be afraid to make new friends!





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Evie Patterson

Primary School:

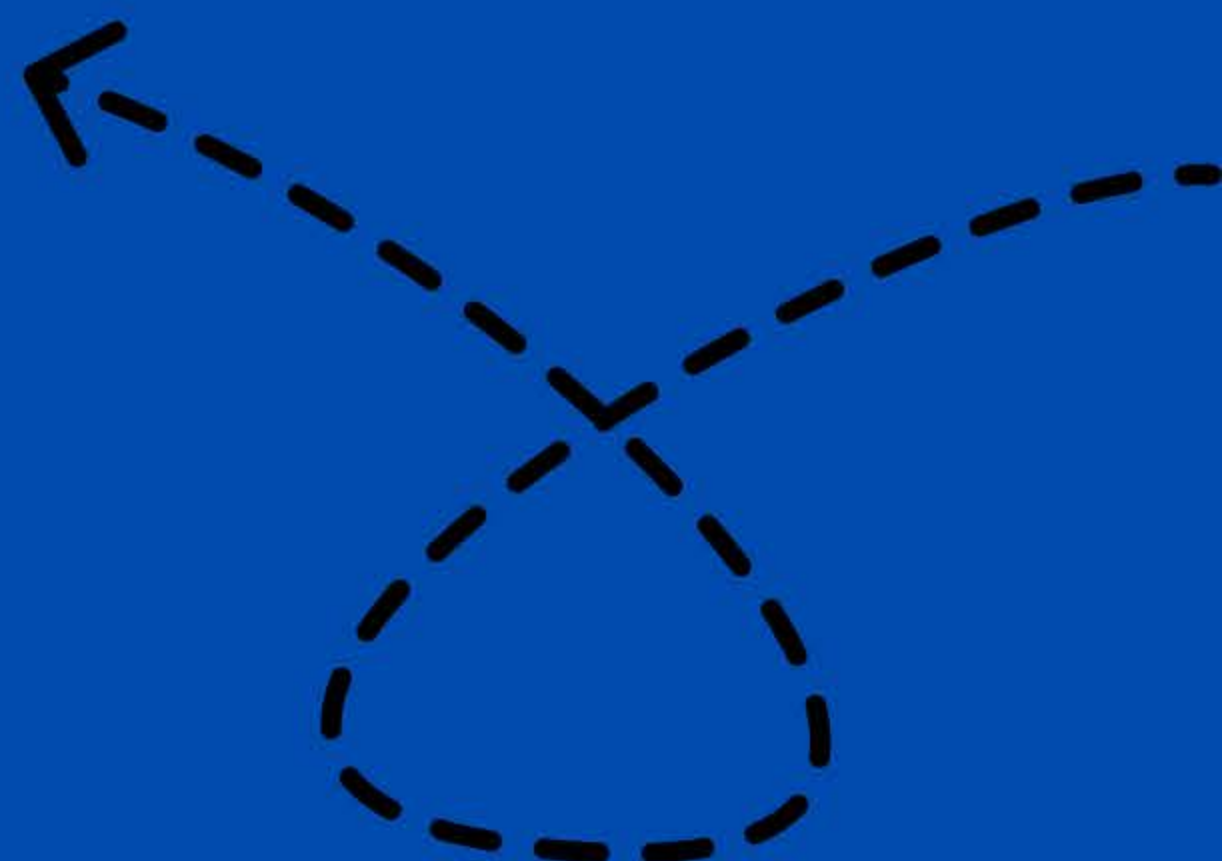
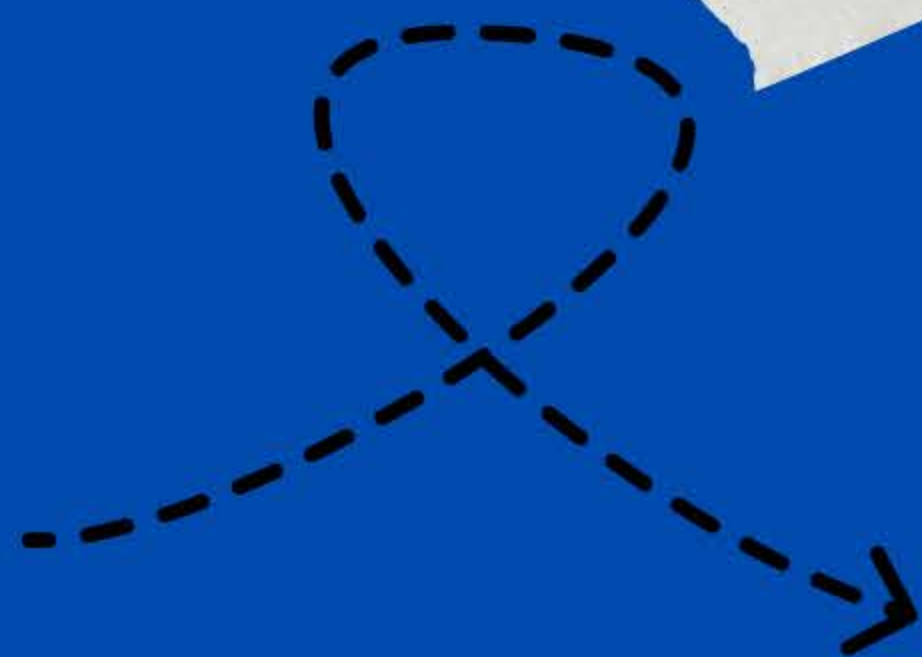
Wheatfield PS

I felt extremely happy when I got the letter telling me I was going to the Girls' Model. I felt overjoyed and I couldn't wait to meet new friends and start learning new subjects.

On the first day I made new friends and got a tour of the school. I met my form teacher and had lots of different lessons.

My first term has been great; I really enjoy Art and Maths. I have joined Netball and Hockey after-school clubs, I love going to them both.

My favourite subject is Art because it is fun and you get to be creative. I also like Home Economics because making different foods is fun and we get to eat them after!





Nevaeh Irvine

Primary School:

Springfield PS

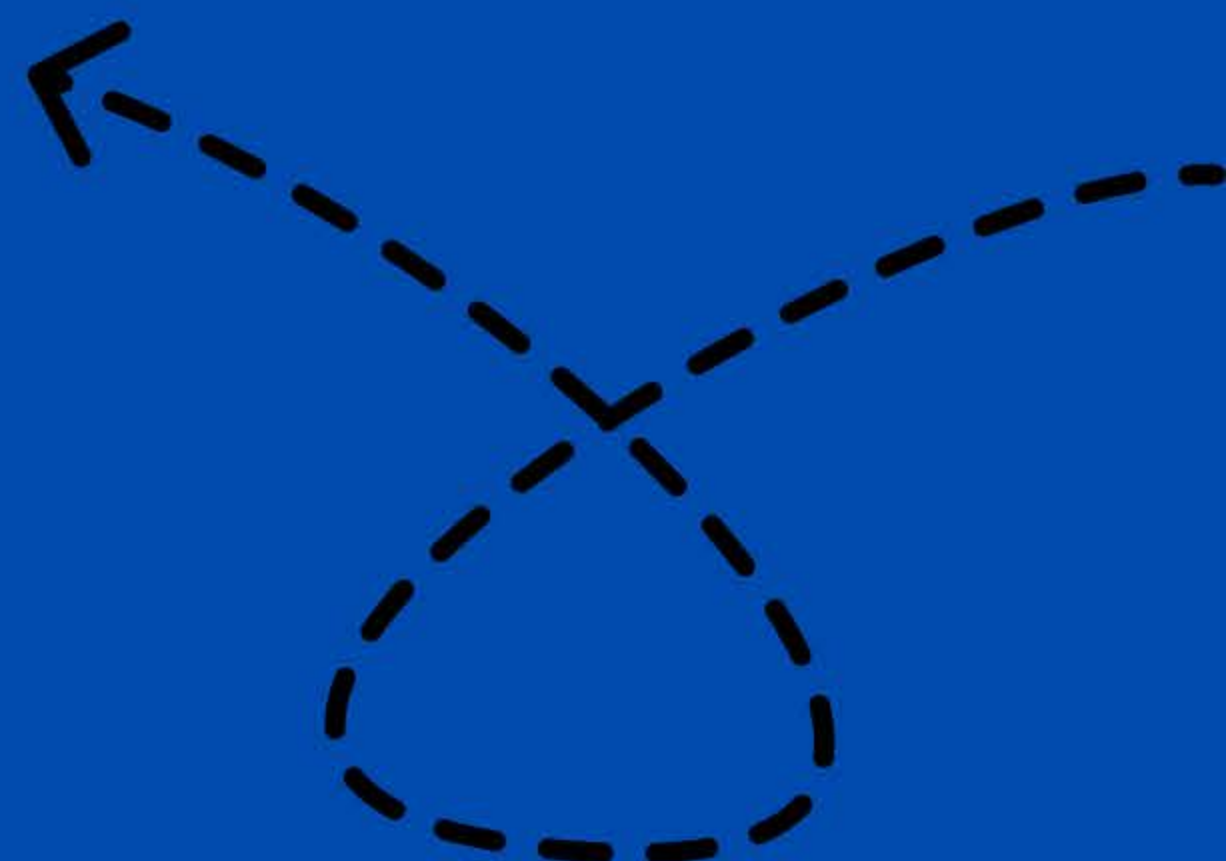
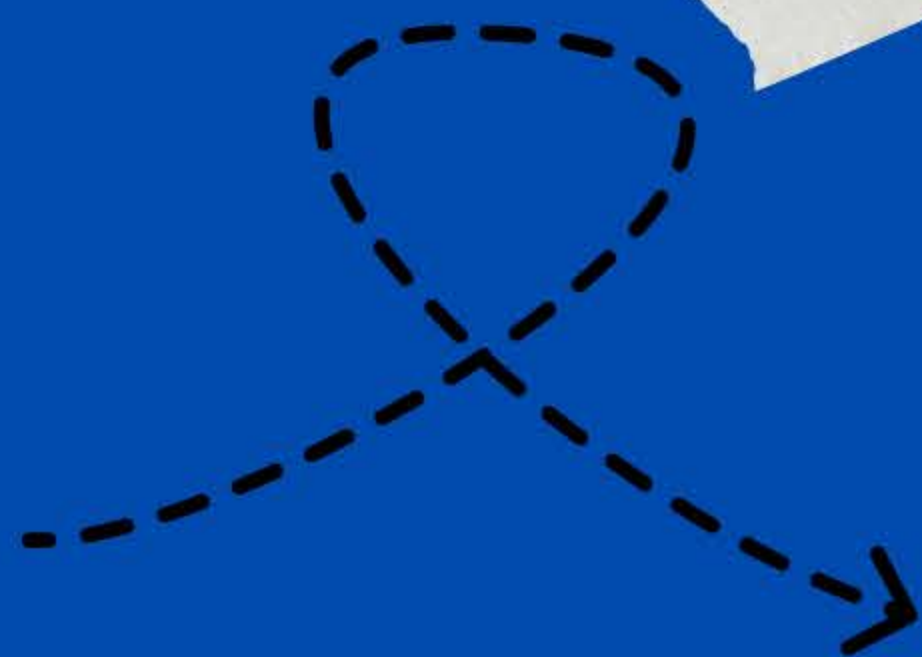
I was very happy and excited to become a Model student.

On the first day I got to meet my form class and my form tutor Mr Potts. Mr Potts gave us a tour of the school and showed us how to get to our classes.

My first term was amazing! I have really enjoyed Maths, Drama and PE.

At the beginning of the term, I joined the Junior Dance Club which is so much fun!

My advice to a P7 student is don't be nervous, as there is nothing to be nervous about! Always take part in things you're interested in, especially our extra-curricular clubs!





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Lexi Andrews

Primary School:

Harmony PS

I was very excited to start my next journey with Belfast Model School for Girls.

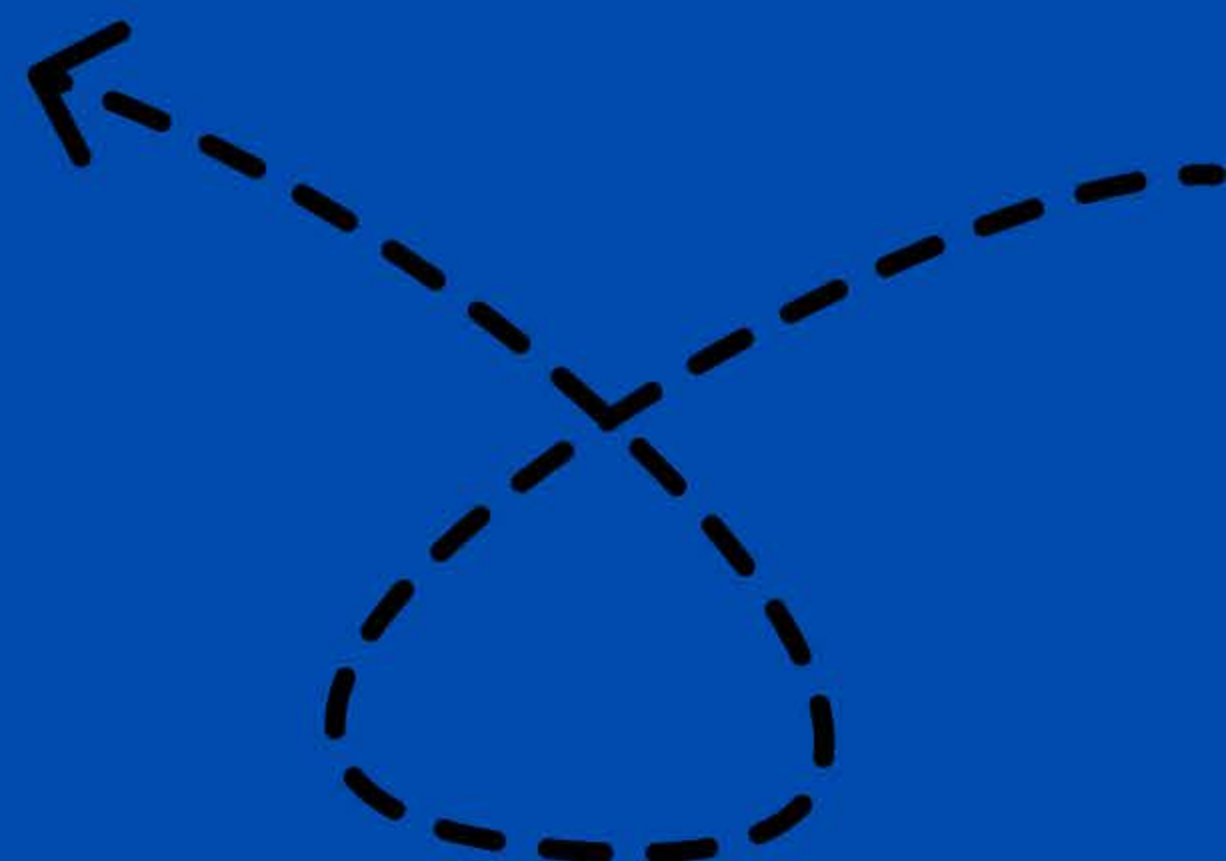
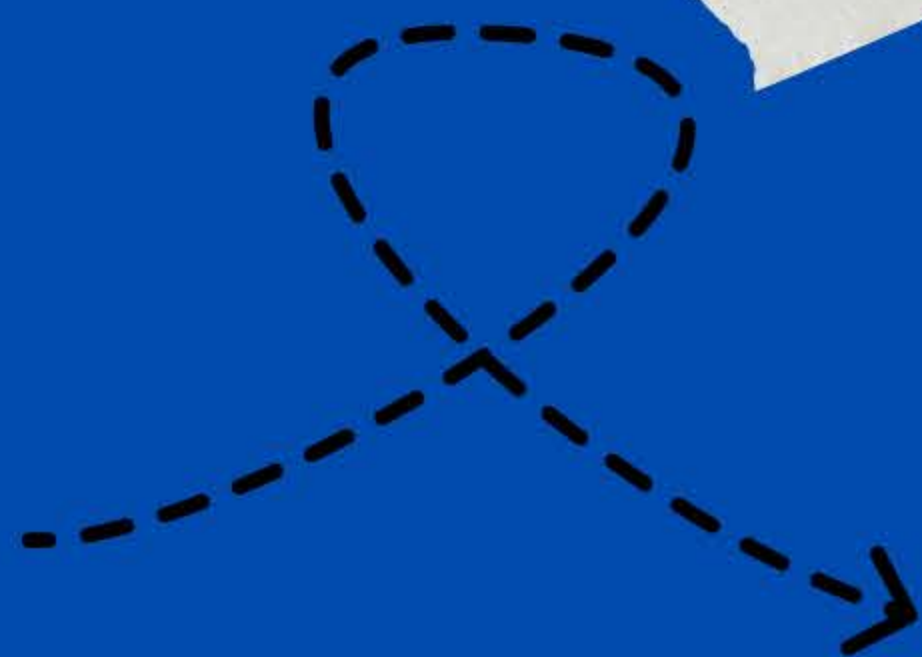
Before starting 'big school' I was very nervous and didn't know what to expect, but I was also very excited to meet new friends.

I've really enjoyed my first term and liked all the teachers and meeting new people from different form classes.

My favourite subject is Drama, as the teacher is so lovely and it is fun.

Always work hard and you will achieve lots of things. If you have any worries, don't panic and always let a teacher know.

Be Ready, Respectful and Safe!
Good Luck Primary 7





Leona Smyth

Primary School:

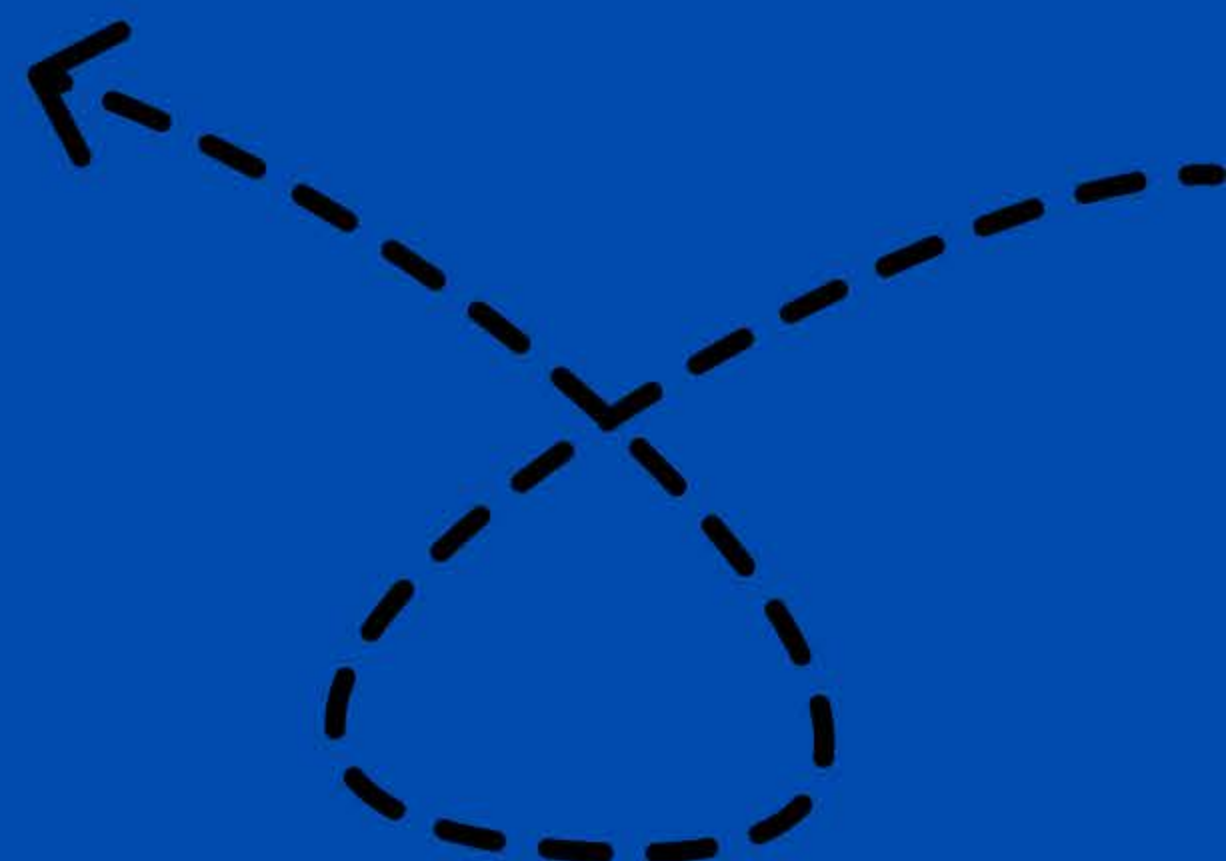
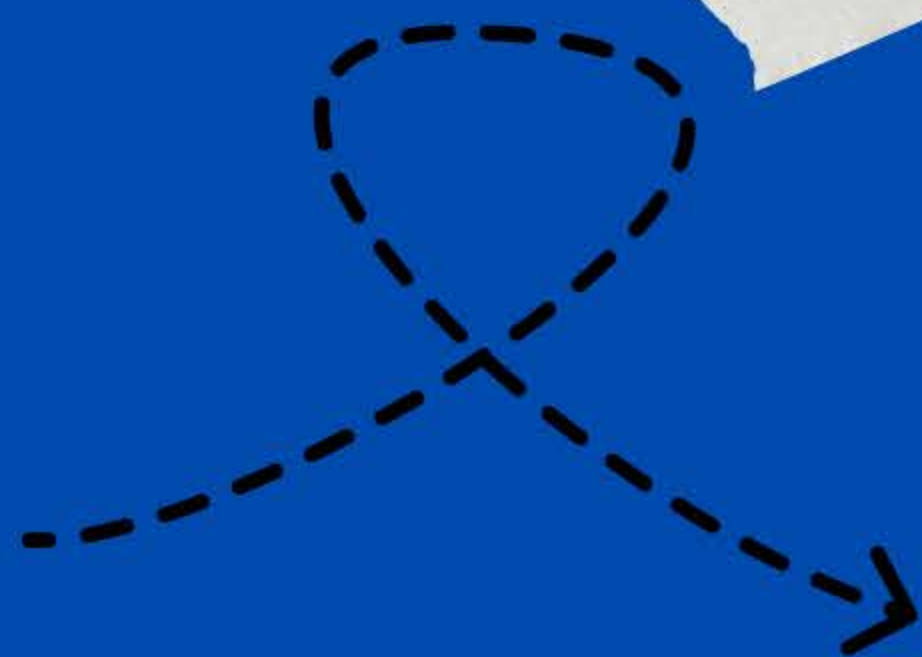
Ballysillan PS

I was excited to find out I was becoming a Model student, but I did also feel worried, what if no one likes me? What if I don't make friends? But I made new friends and have really enjoyed my first term!

On our first day we met our form class and form teacher, we talked about ourselves and made posters.

Maths is one of my favourite subjects because I've always been good at it and it's great fun. History is another because I love learning about the past.

I am looking forward to joining our Fitness Club in term two to stay fit and get better at sports.





Phoebe Taylor

Primary School:
Ligoniel PS

When I found out I was going to BMSG I was happy and thankful. I called all my friends and found out a lot of them were coming with me, so I was excited but nervous.

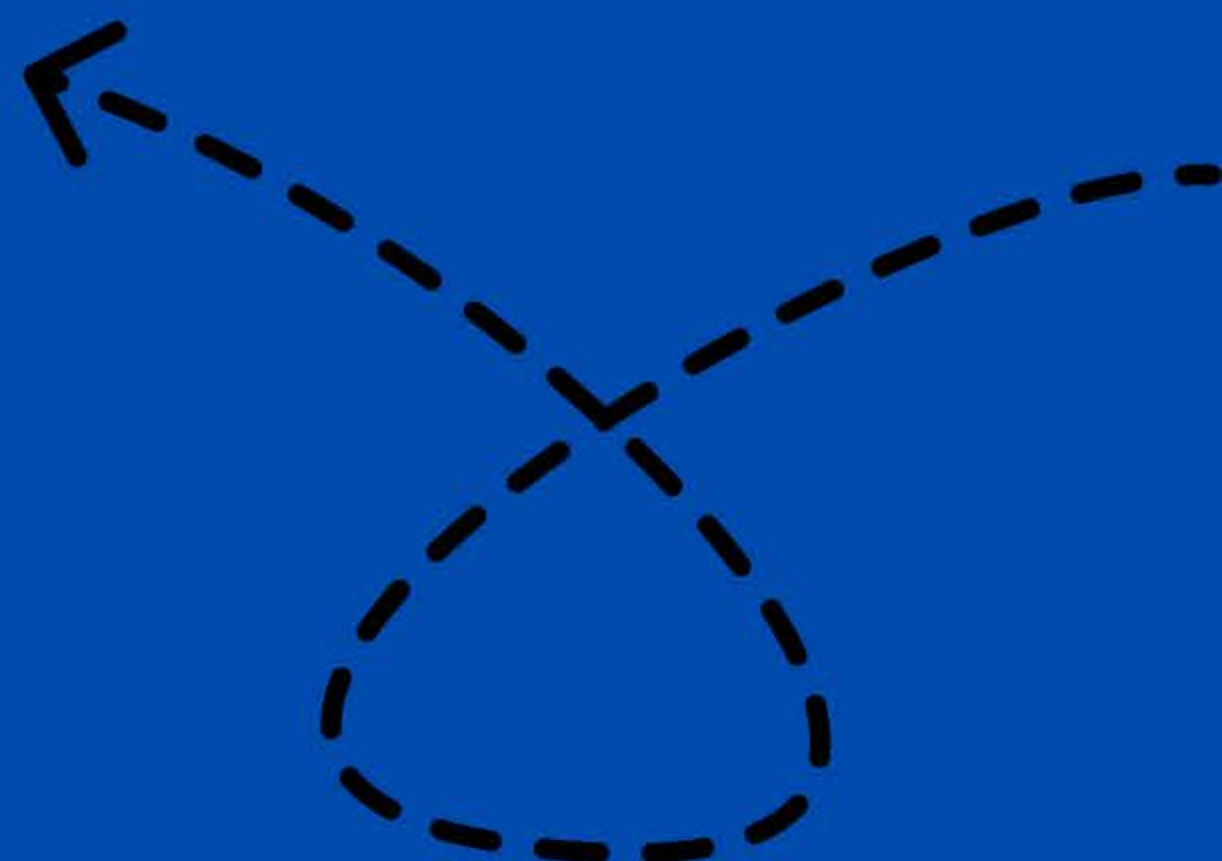
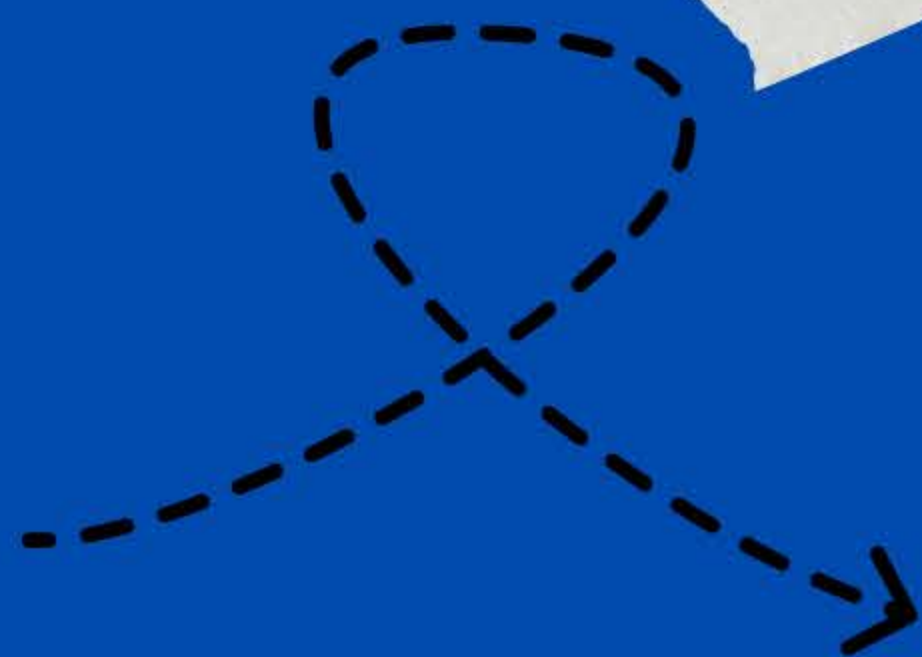
The night before my first day of school I got ready and laid all my stuff out so I wouldn't be late, I found it difficult to sleep as I couldn't wait for school the next day.

My first term has been good. I have made lots of friends and I have nice teachers. The only thing I don't like is having to get up in the morning!

My favourite subjects are Drama and Maths. I like Drama because it's fun and my teacher is nice. I like Maths because our teacher is lovely and it's the subject I do best in.

In my first term, I joined the Hockey and Fitness Clubs. I went to Hockey because my mum and brother did it and it looked really fun.

My advice to P7 students is not to worry, you will make friends quickly and you will probably like most of your subjects and teachers!





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Laci Hindes

Primary School:

Springhill PS

When I found out I was going to BMSG it was a relief because I had only applied for BMSG as it was the only school I liked.

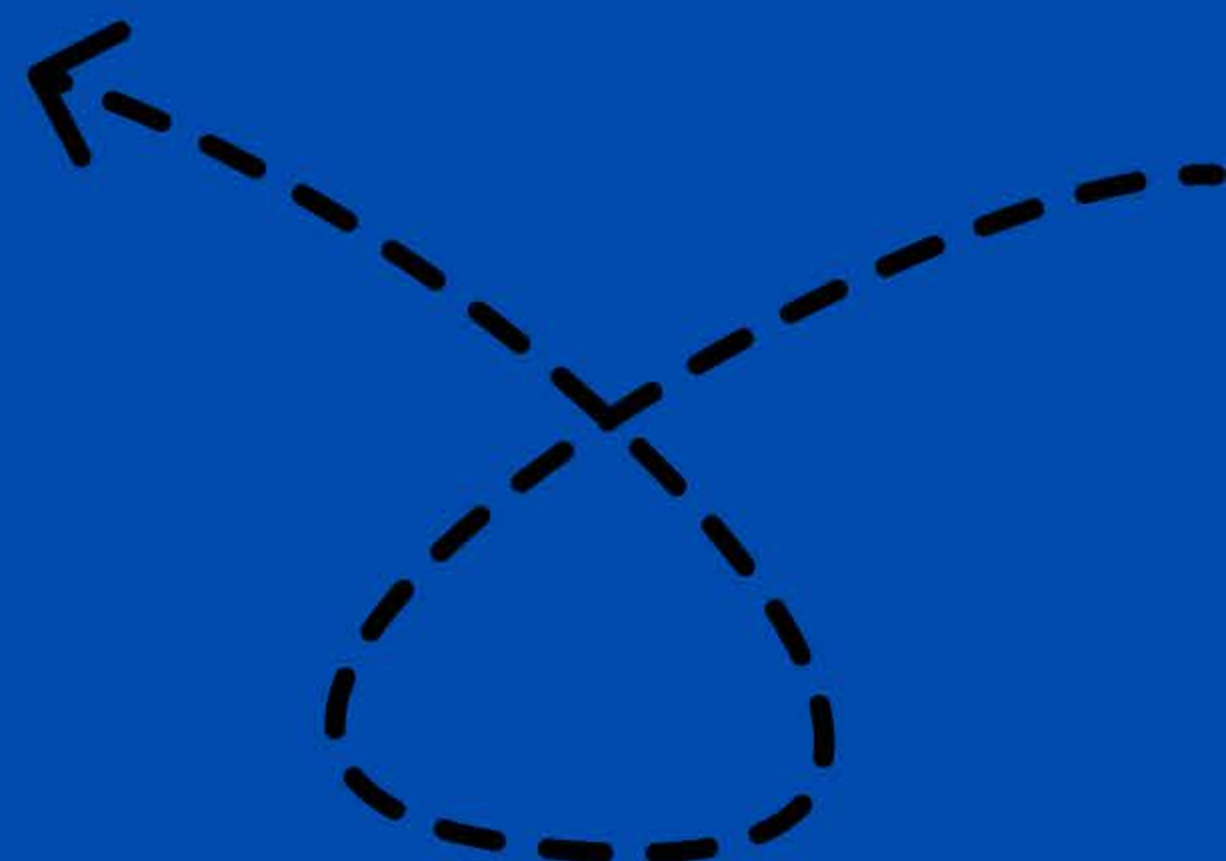
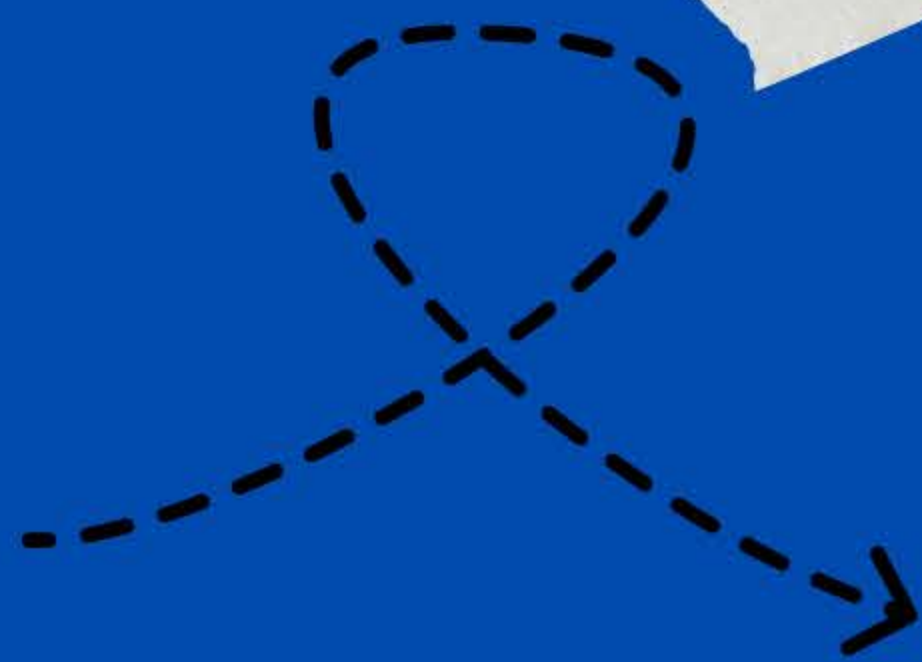
I felt quite nervous before starting and I couldn't really sleep the night before my first day as I was nervous but also excited for a fresh start.

My mummy drove me there and I was met by older students who showed me where to go. I was put into a form class with a few of my friends.

My first term has been great! My favourite subjects are Drama because you get to play lots of games and have loads of fun and also P.E. because I love running about!

I've joined the Fitness Club and I am going to join the Trampolining Club because it's something new.

A piece of advice I would give is to make the most of your first couple of weeks!





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Lucia Rodgers

Primary School:

Springfield PS

When I found out I was going to BMSG I felt happy and very excited for a new beginning.

The night before started I was nervous because I didn't know if I was going to know anyone in my class and incase I got lost!

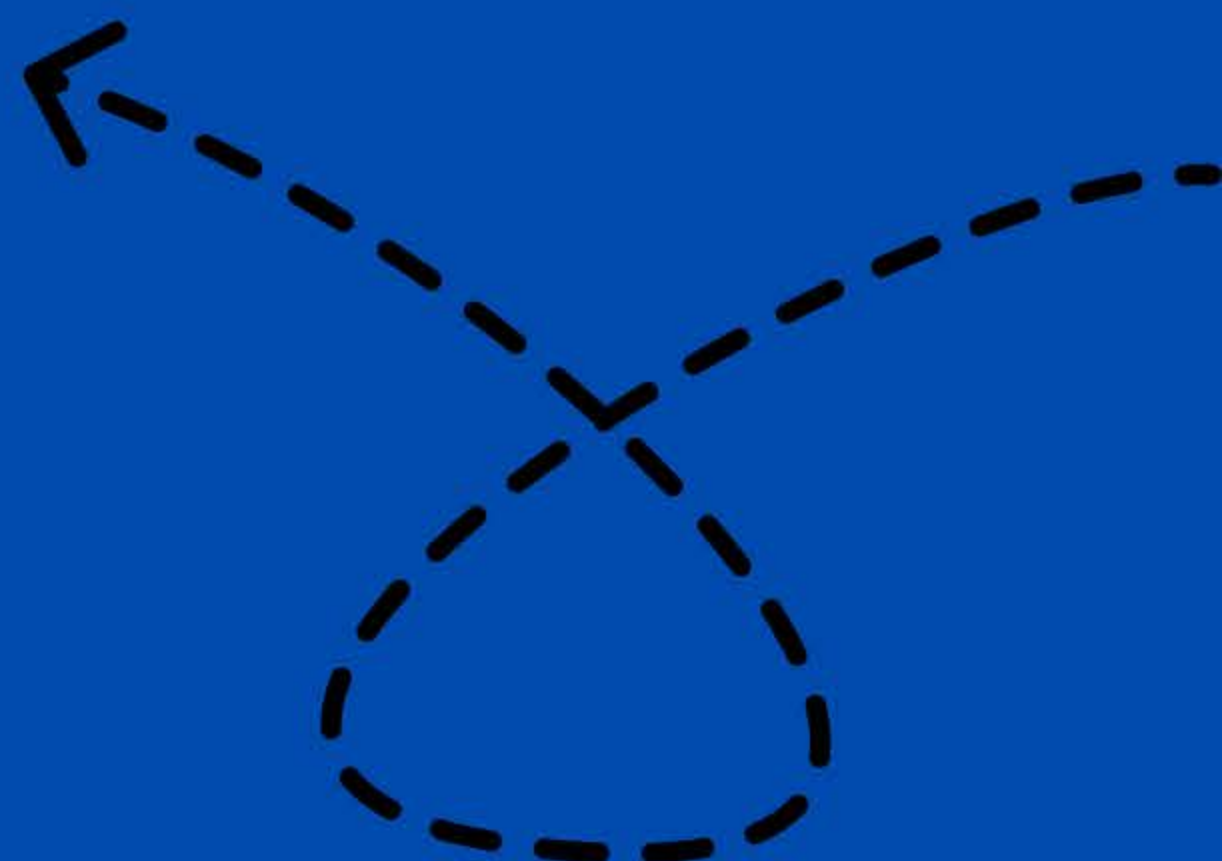
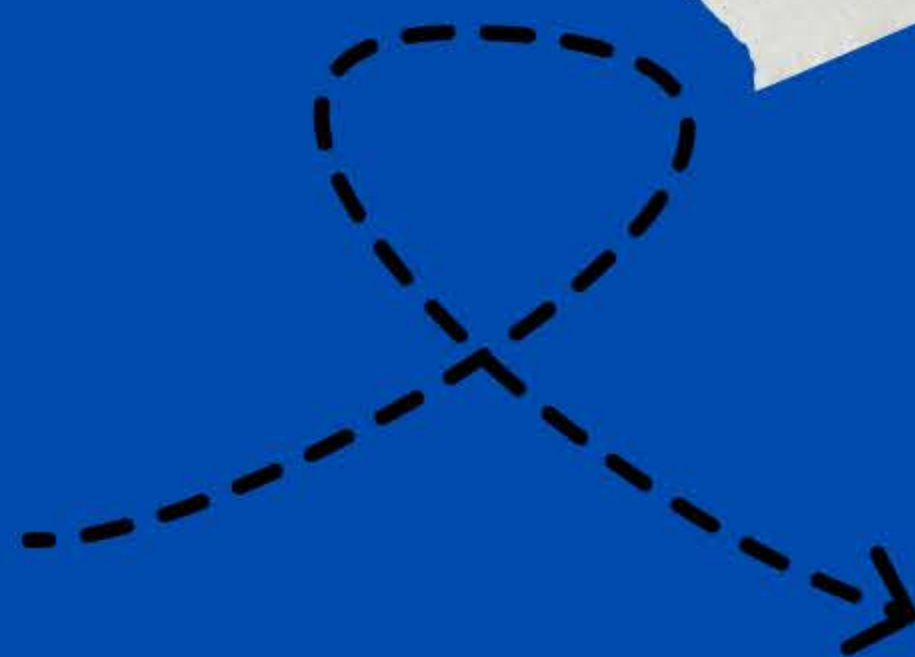
On my first day I met my form teacher and my new class. They were all very nice and funny.

My first term has been very fun and filled with laughter!

My favourite subjects are Drama, because my teacher is nice and it's fun. I also enjoy Home Economics because I love to cook and bake new things!

I have joined the Junior Dance Club because I dance outside of school, I think it is so much fun and I love going to competitions.

The advice I would give is don't be scared to ask people, if you can't find your class or if you're stuck on your work because we are all a big family.



Lacey Roddy

Primary School:

Seaview PS

When I found out I was going to BMSG I got really excited because I had heard good things about the school.

I was also feeling nervous before starting as I was worrying about making friends, so I sat down with my mum to talk about it and she helped cheer me up, after that I knew I'd be just fine.

On our first day, we got into groups in the canteen and then went up to our form class. I found out my form class is very nice and we talked about the school for a little bit. I have to say, I really enjoyed that day.

My first term was incredible! I made loads of friends, got closer with my teachers and have been taking part in things that I enjoy.

My favourite subjects are, LLW, I especially love my teacher Miss Brown and I enjoy learning about life and mental health etc. I also like Art as I love creating things and painting and my mum has always said that I'm really talented.

My advice to a P7 student would be to not worry too much as the teachers are so nice and you'll make loads of friends just like I did.



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Hollie Brennan

Primary School:

Cavehill PS

I felt really happy when I found out that I was becoming a Model student because when I went to the Open Evening everyone there made me feel welcome.

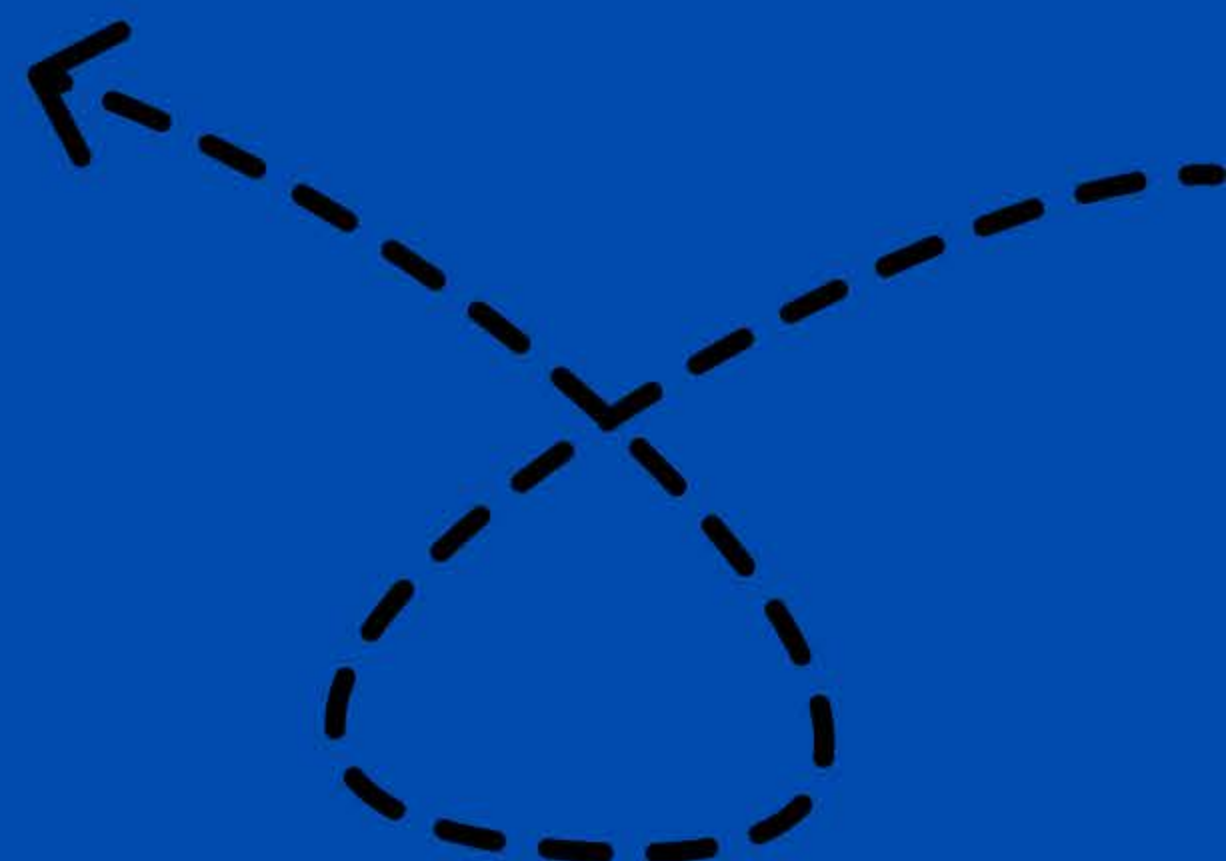
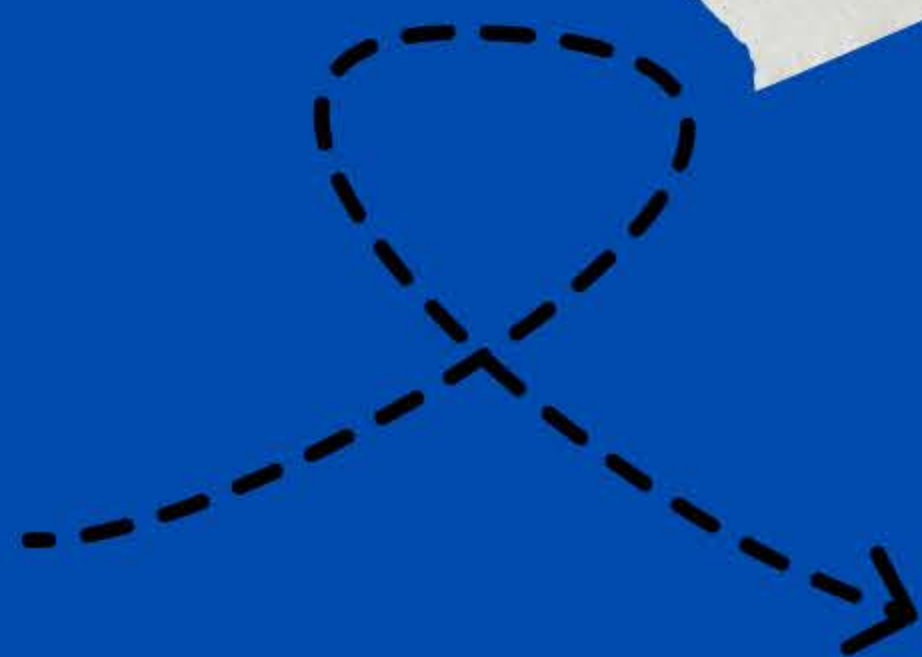
On my first day as a Model student, I was nervous but happy. I wondered who my form teacher is but I met Mr Fitzpatrick and he's so nice, so I loved my first day.

My first term has been excellent. I have joined the Netball Club, I made lots of new friends and I also got a Principal's commendation.

My favourite subjects are Science, because I love doing all the practical work and Art as I learned the colour wheel and it has helped me so much.

I have joined the Netball Club as it is a good team sport that I really enjoy and I have met lots of new friends.

My advice to a P7 student is Year 8 is not as scary as it seems, you will make lots of new friends and there are lots of after-school clubs on offer, so go and try them!





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Katie Johnston

Primary School:

Cavehill PS

The morning I woke up to getting my acceptance letter to BMSG, I was so excited because I knew after attending the Open Evening that this was the school for me.

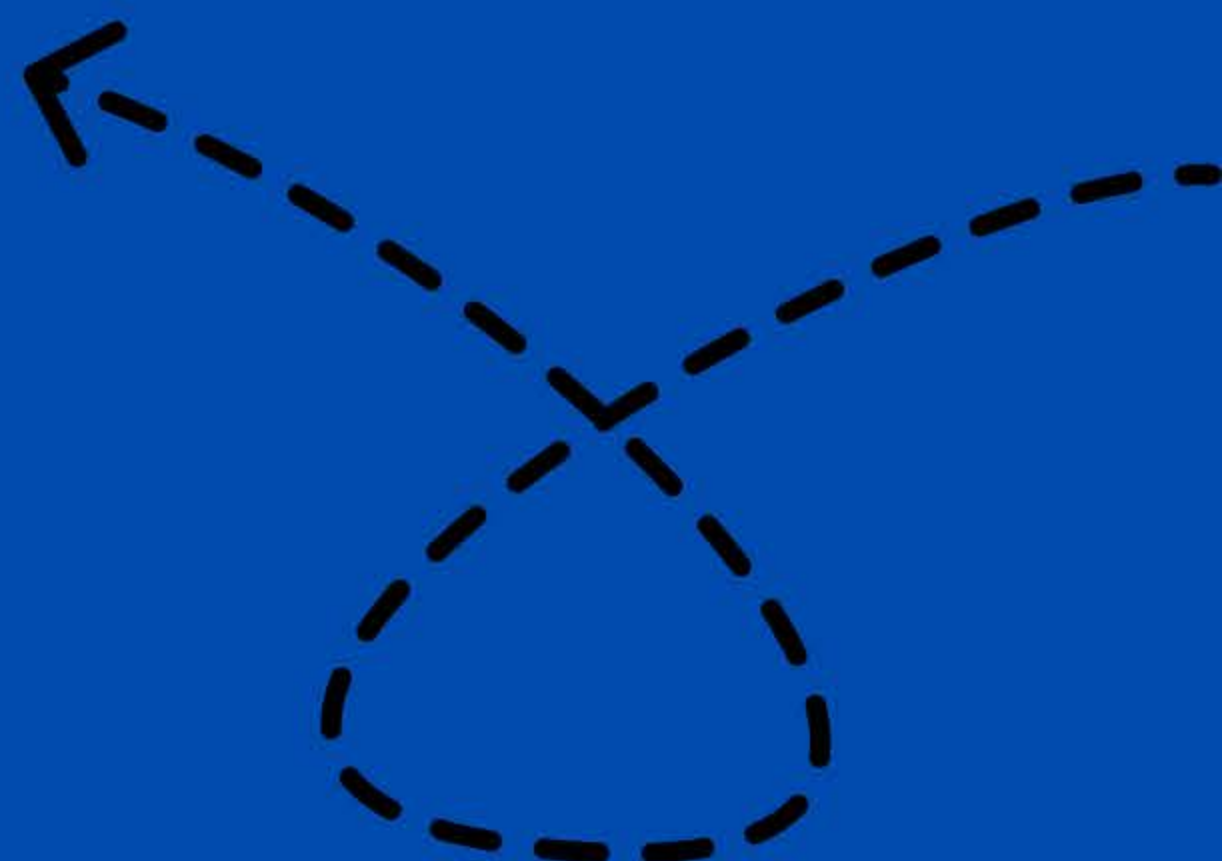
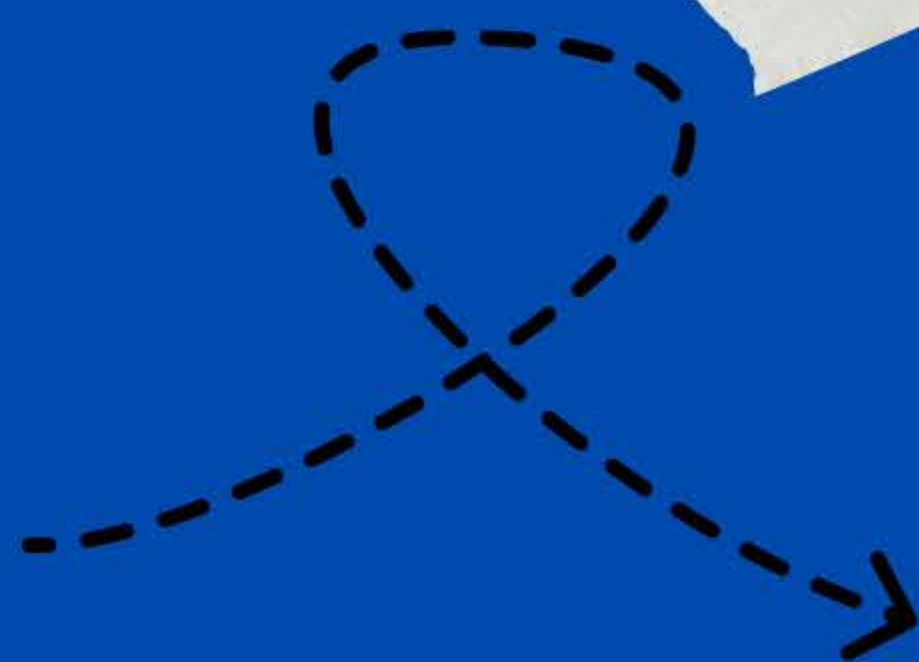
I was scared of going to such a big school and having to find my way around all my classes, but it only took a couple of weeks and I made friends almost instantly.

My first term was fantastic because I got to find my way around the school. I also got to participate in a variety of after-school activities.

My favourite subjects are *HE* because I love baking and cooking and *PE* because I love playing sports and learning new ways to keep fit.

I joined the Hockey Club after school because I did it in *PE* and really enjoyed it.

The advice I would give is don't be scared or anxious, it is a big change, but you will get used to it and enjoy it. It just takes some people a bit longer than others to find your feet.





Lori Finlay

Primary School:

Wheatfield PS

When I found out I was going to BMSG I was excited and nervous at the same time because I was going to a big school.

On the first day, I met my form teacher and form class and we went on a tour around the school and we got to know each other better.

I have really enjoyed my first term because I have learned a lot in the different subjects that I have.

I love Home Economics because we learn to cook new things.

My advice to a P7 student would be don't be nervous, be yourself and enjoy!

