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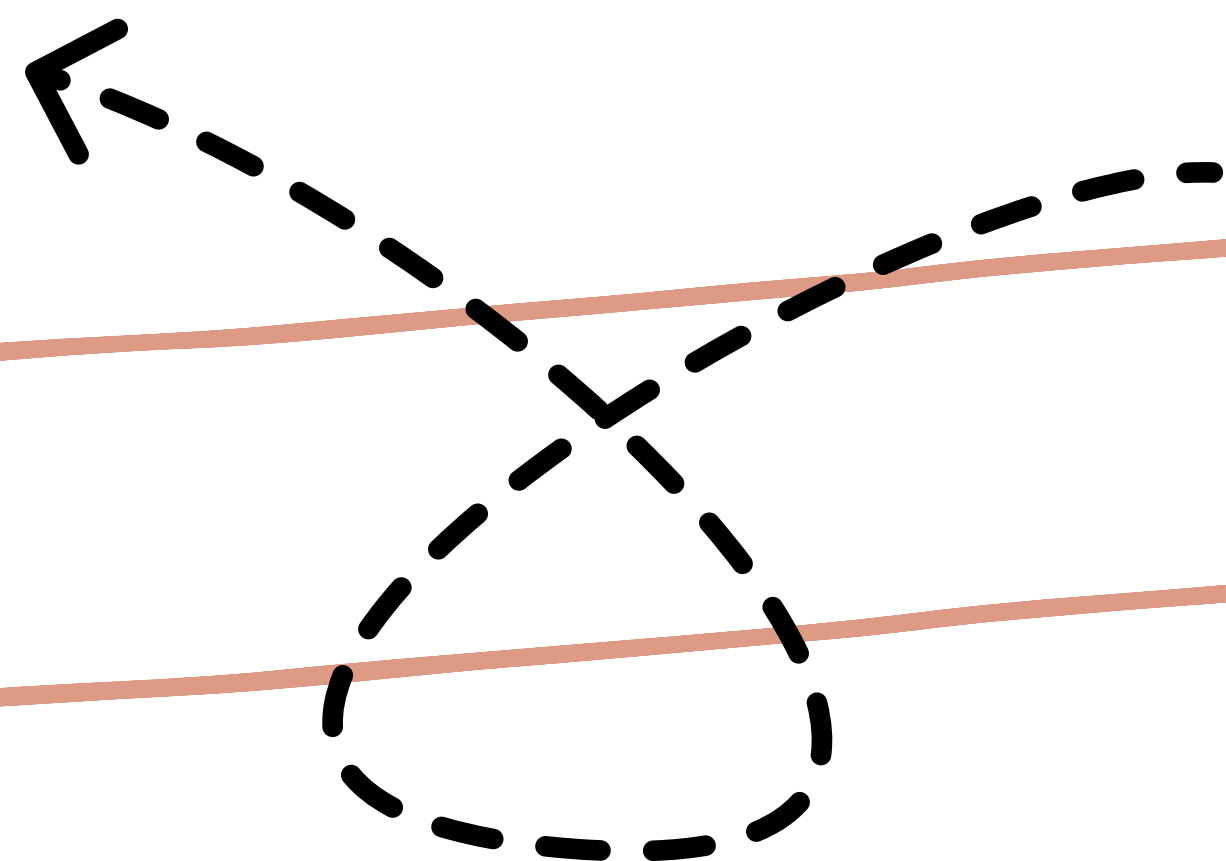
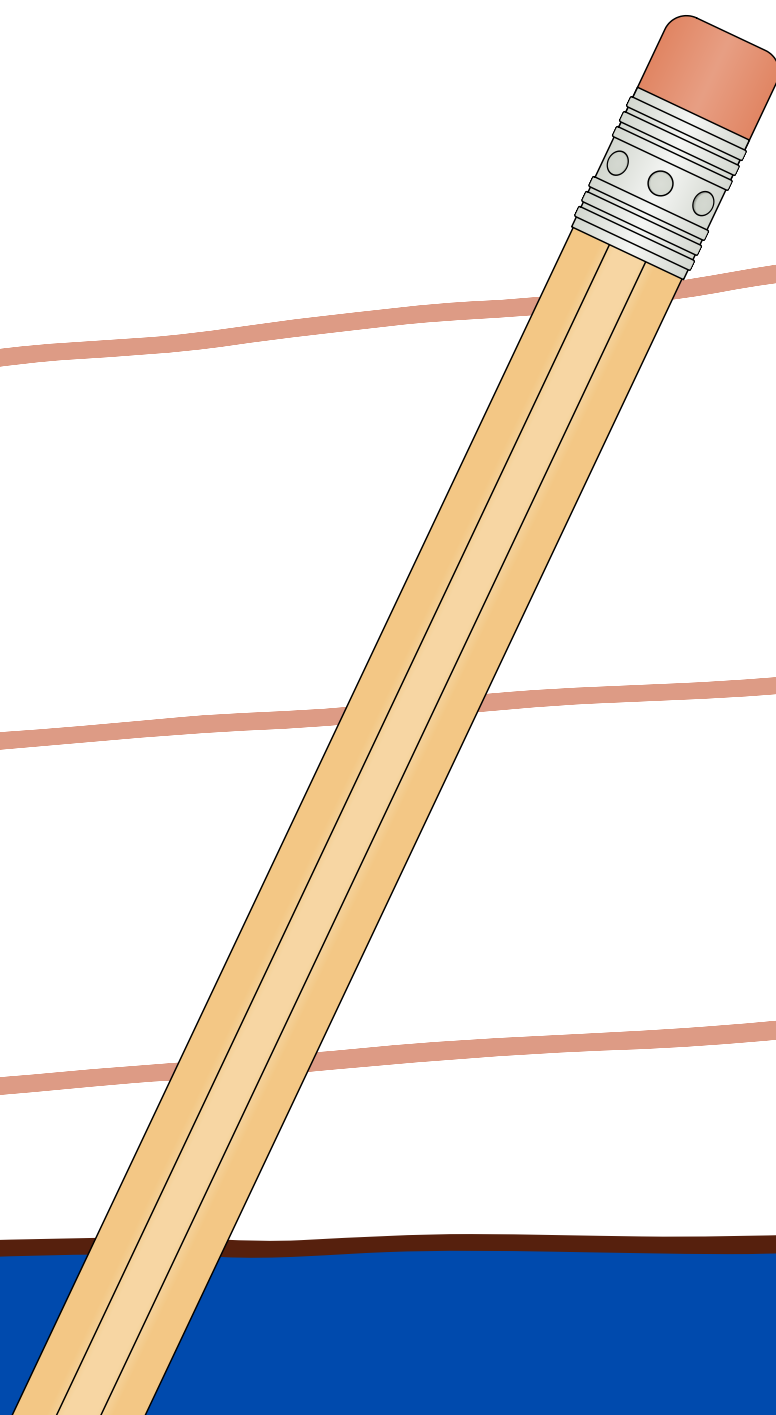


# Student Voices

**'Our First Term'**

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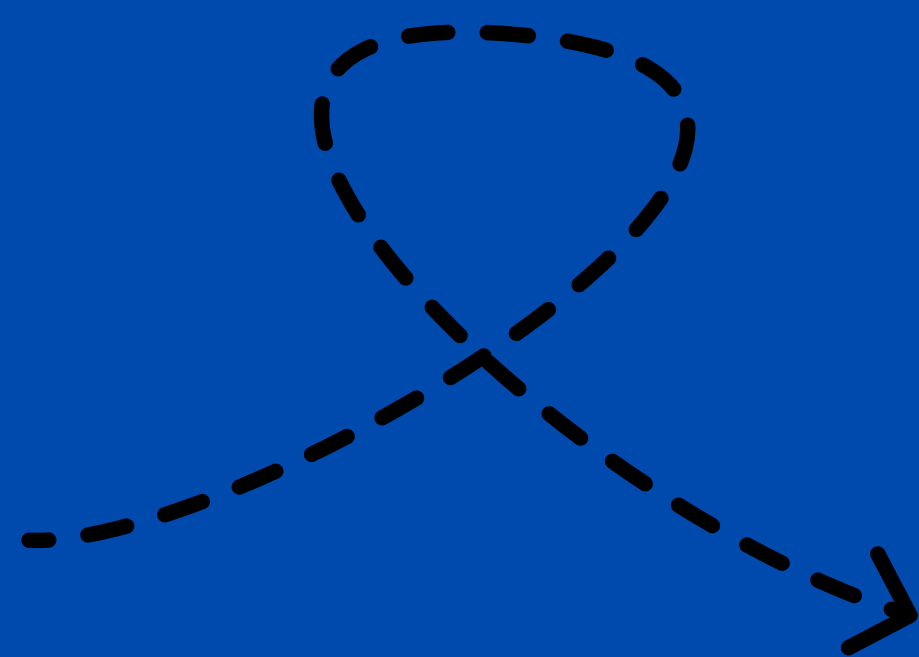
# Mrs McKeown

Leader of Learning - Year 8

A warm welcome to everyone!

As we approached 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.





# Sophia

Primary School:

## Carr's Glen PS

When I heard that I got a place in Belfast Model School for Girls I was excited to meet new people and make my own new friendship group. I was a bit nervous at first because there were so many girls but I've settled in now.

On the first day I was nervous and quiet but it was nice talking and getting to know more people.

My favourite moment of the first term was performing a script in Drama with my friend Courtney.

I like Science because the practicals are fun and I like my teacher. I also like Drama because it's what I like to do outside of school.

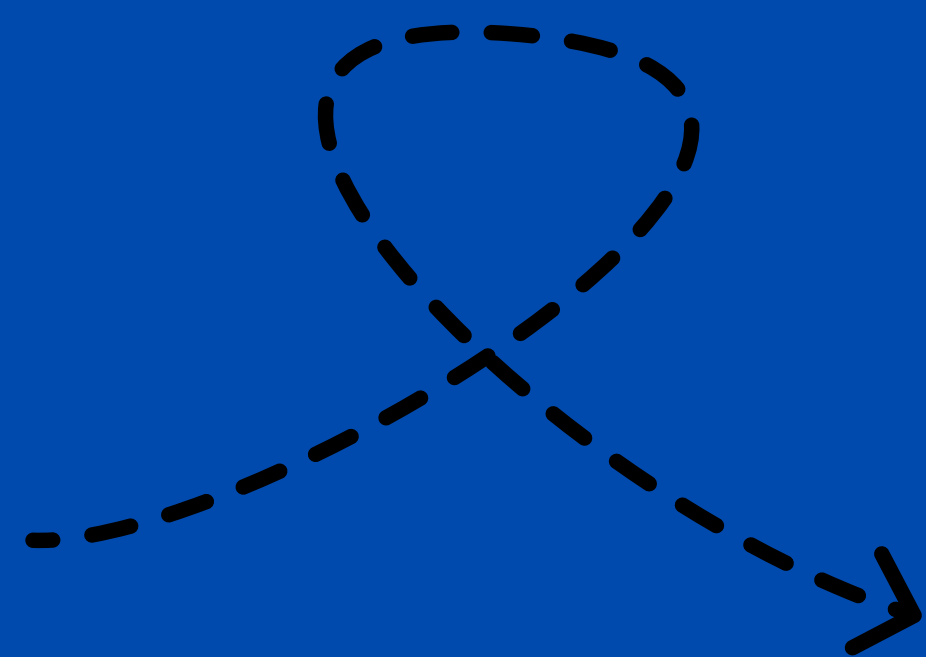
I've only joined the Junior Dance Club and it's fun because lots of my friends go, but I'll want to join more clubs next term.

The thing I love about BMSG is the girls and all my new friends. I love talking to all my friends from other classes at lunch and break.

My advice to a new student would be to make a good first impression with everyone and be yourself. Talk to as many people as you can and don't act differently just to be friends with someone.



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# Katie

Primary School:

Cavehill PS

I felt really excited when I heard that I got into Belfast Model School for Girls and even more excited when I heard my friends got in too.

My first day was good because it was a half day but I felt really nervous.

My best moment of our first term was when I was elected Vice Form Captain of my form class and also getting picked for the Junior Dance Team.

My favourite subject is Spanish because you get to learn how to speak a different language and Drama because you get to be dramatic! I also like HE because you cook meals and learn about food hygiene.

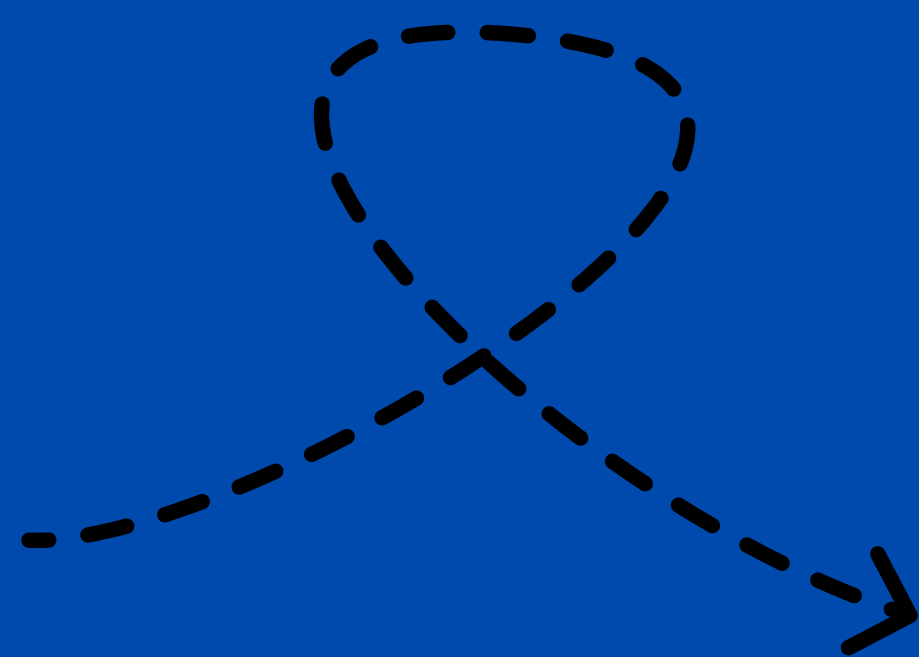
I've joined the Trampolining Club after school because it's fun to learn all the different tricks and moves and I also get to go on the big trampolines. I also joined the Junior Dance club because I really like to dance.

The thing I love about BMSG is having the freedom to be able to walk to your different classes and not sit in the same room every day.

My advice to a new student would be don't worry about getting lost because there's people everywhere and anyone will help you.



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# Zarina

Primary School:

## Springfield PS

I felt happy when I heard that I received a place at the Girls' Model because this was the school I put first.

My first day was good, we met everyone in our form class and we met our form tutor. I felt nervous at first but then I felt happy.

My best moment from my first term was the Halloween Disco because we all dressed up as the Spice Girls and it was really fun.

My favourite subjects are Home Economics and PE because I like cooking and tasting new foods in Home Economics and in PE I like doing netball and going on the treadmill.

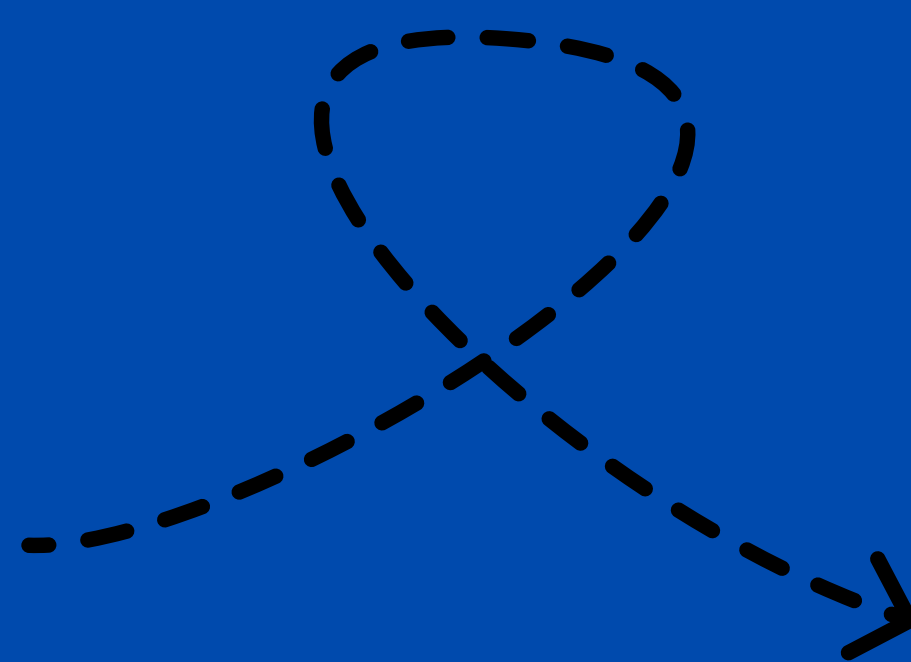
I have joined the Trampolining Club because it sounded really fun and I went to my first trampolining competition in December.

The thing I love about BMSG is all of the different after-school clubs because everyone will find a club that suits them.

My advice to a new student would be to join clubs that you like, because you'll meet new friends.



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# Isabella

Primary School:  
Cavehill PS

I was so happy to get a place in BMSG. I was excited to learn new subjects and meet new friends. I was also nervous about finding my way around the school but it did not take long to find my way around.

It felt really good when I got in. I met my form tutor and everyone in my class.

The best moments of my first term was getting my star badge, getting onto the Junior Dance team and achieving full attendance in my first term.

I have enjoyed all my subjects but my favourites would be Spanish because when I travel now I can speak their language and understand what people are saying. I also like Science because I love doing experiments.

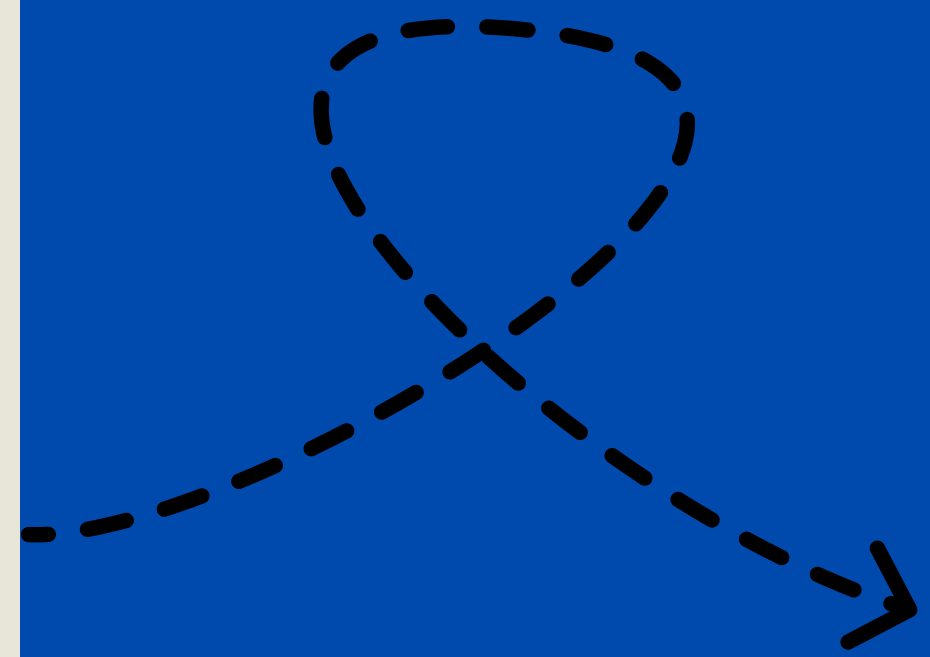
I have joined the Junior Dance Team because I love dancing and wanted to get involved in a team sport.

I love the opportunity to join different clubs and make new friends. I also love the way we get out at different times each day and being able to study all the different subjects.

My advice to a new student would be not to worry and it's normal to feel nervous. Everyone is very friendly and there are lots of people to help, you have a lot more freedom and independence and it is exciting!



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# Honey

Primary School:

Currie PS

When I heard about coming to Belfast Model School for Girls I was so happy and excited to start.

On the first day I was excited but I was nervous for my classes. It was so good have 8FW as my form class and I made friends so quickly.

The best moment of my first term was hanging out with friends and meeting new ones and also seeing my cousins every day.

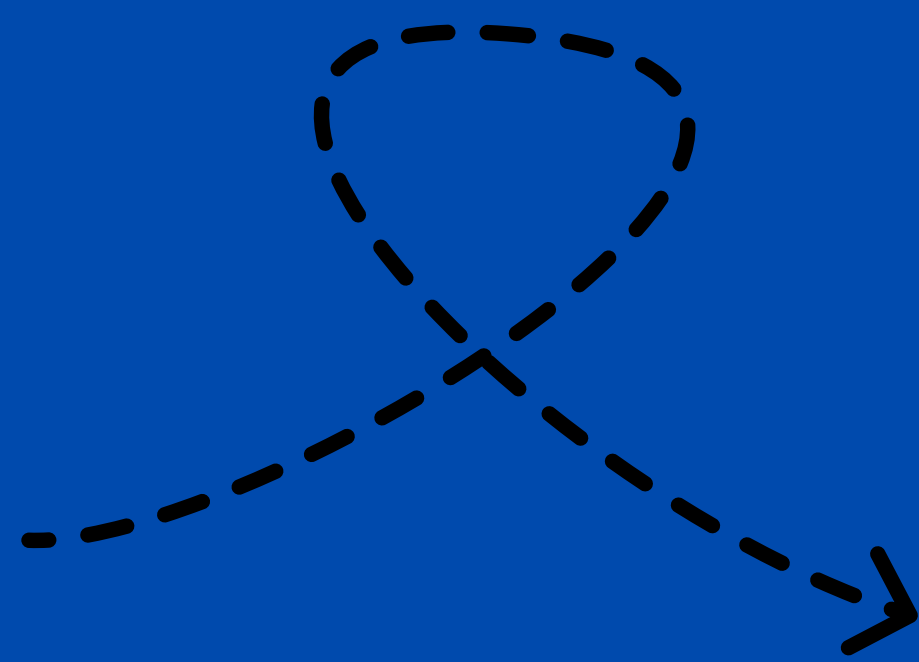
My favourite subject is Art because it is so much fun and the teacher is also really nice.

In BMSG I love all the teachers and the subjects.

The advice I would give to a new student is not to be late to class and respect everyone in your classroom.



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# Grace

Primary School:

Harmony PS

On my first day I felt really happy because I knew most of my friends also got in and my best friend was in my class.

My favourite moment of the first term was the Halloween disco as we got to dress up and it was a lot of fun!

My favourite subject is Music because I find it really interesting and I really like my teacher.

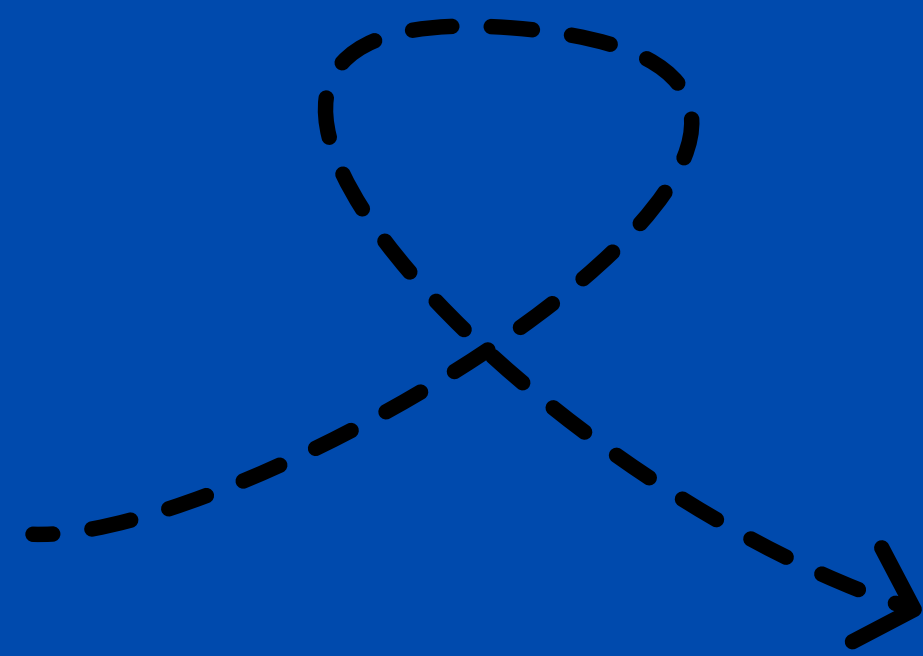
I joined the Fitness Club because I like going to the gym and I also joined the Trampolining Club.

The teacher's are really nice and understanding.

My advice to a new Year 8 student would be to try your best and don't worry about what people think. Be kind.



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# Lexi

Primary School:

## Carr's Glen PS

I felt happy and excited but also nervous for joining a secondary school with lots more people.

At the start I was very nervous and scared but when I met my class I was really excited. It was really fun and that's where I met my new best friend!

My favourite moment in my first term was the Halloween Disco, as it was super fun and played good songs and you got to dance and also sing with your friends. The sweets were really nice too!

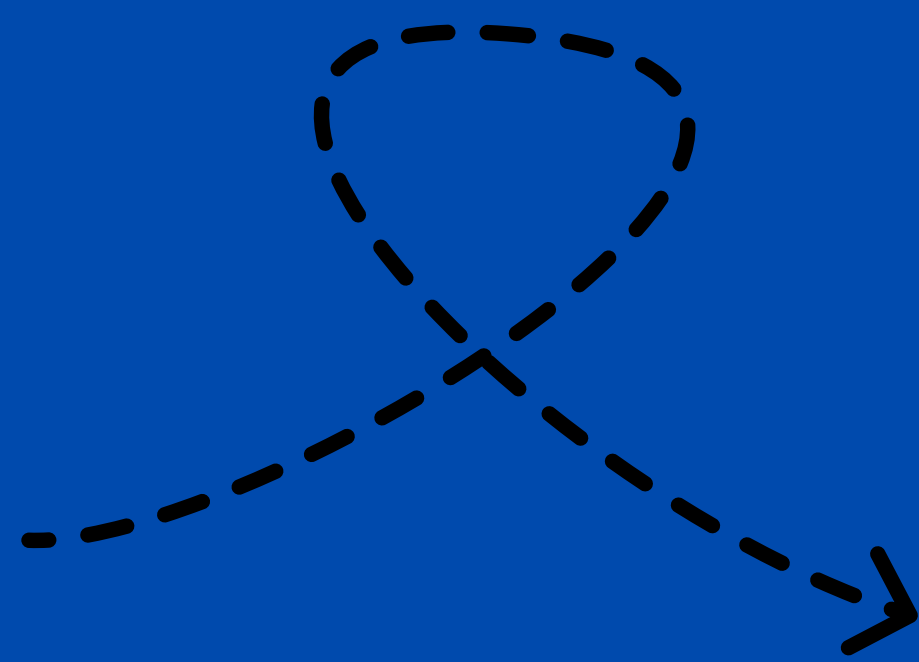
My favourite subject is Drama because you can be yourself and have lots of fun with your friends. I also really like HE because you cook which is a lot of fun!

At the moment I haven't joined any clubs but I am going to join the Fitness Club because it's fun and I also want to be healthier.

My advice to a new Year 8 student would be to listen in class!



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# Xin Ya

Primary School:

## Edenbrooke PS

On my first day I was very nervous and scared but also happy, and when I met my form class, I realised everyone, the students and the teachers were all very kind.

My best moment was when I got a star badge, I was so happy.

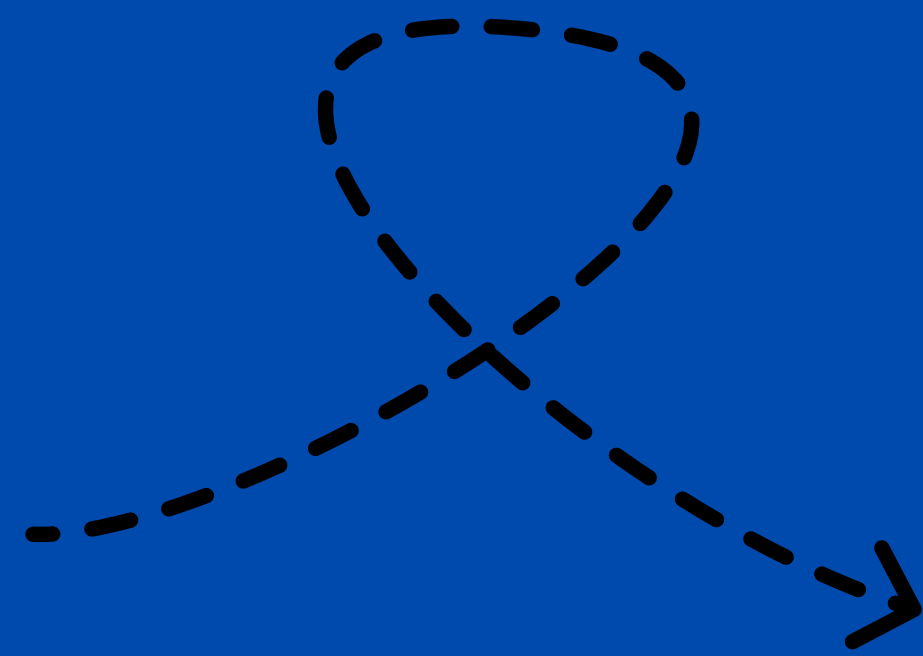
My favourite subject is Maths, I really like my teacher as she is kind and very funny.

I joined the violin club at Halloween and I can already play 'jingle bells'.

My advice to a new student would be to follow the Model Way and be kind.



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# Annabel

Primary School:

Edenbrooke PS

I was both nervous and excited on my first day. I was excited because BMSG was my first choice. I was also excited to do new subjects and different after school clubs. I was nervous as it's all new, new teachers, new school and possibly getting lost.

My first day was really amazing. I was nervous at first but I settled quickly which made me happy.

My best moment is between the Halloween Disco or else beating my targets in English, Maths and History.

My favourite subjects are Maths because I love my teacher. Home Economics is amazing too as we get to cook tasty food such as apple crumble and potato wedges.

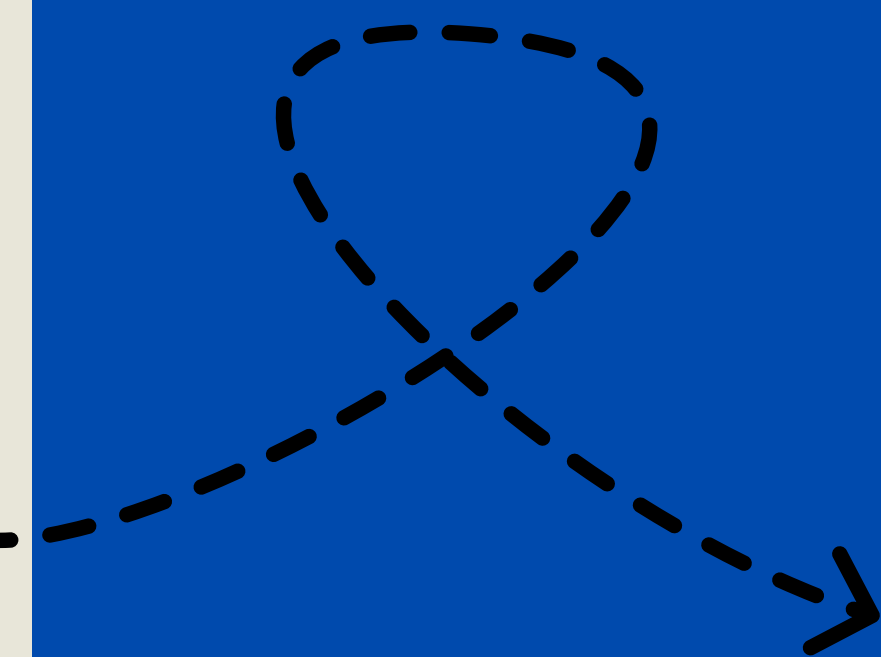
I joined the Netball Club because I wanted to try something new. I already do dancing outside of school. I've really enjoyed it so far and I've made lots of brilliant friends already.

I really love the teachers in BMSG. They are so friendly and approachable. I love all the new friends I've made so far. I also love having different subjects that aren't in the same classroom.

My advice to a new student is not to worry. I was worried about getting lost but there is always someone to help. I was also worried about making friends but you make friends really quickly!



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# Maci

Primary School:

## Harmony PS

When I heard I got a place at BMSG I felt so excited because I knew all my friends got in.

On my first day I felt a bit nervous at first but when I met my form class I made lots of new friends.

My best moment from my first term has definitely got to be the Halloween Disco, it was a blast and it was so fun seeing all the other costumes and even some teachers dressed up!

My favourite subjects are Maths, Science and PE. I love Maths because I love working in my head and learning new topics. I love Science because it is really interesting and on a practical it is so fun partnering up and having fun. I love PE because I'm just a really sporty person.

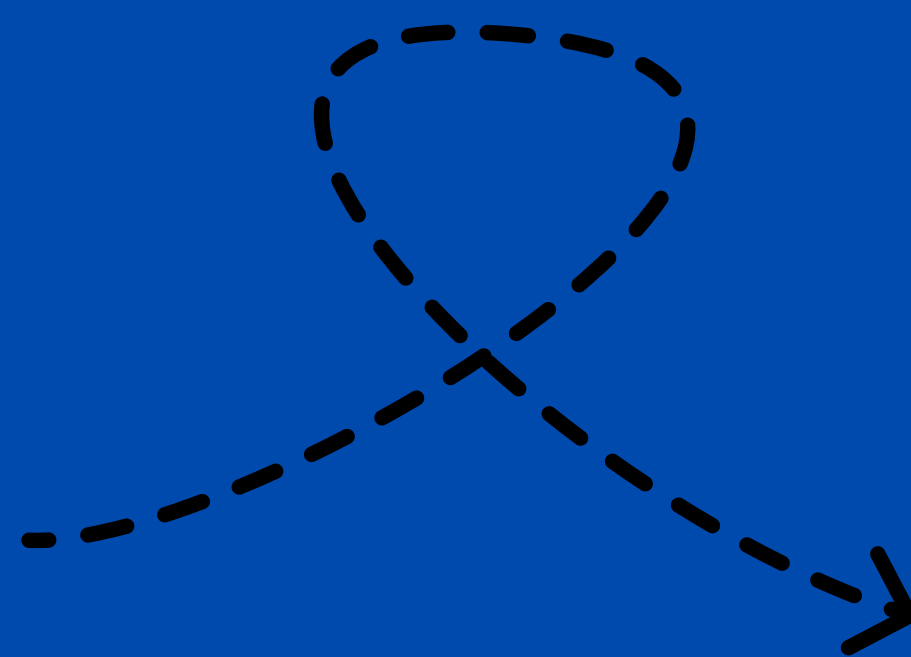
I joined the Football and Dance Clubs. I joined football because it is my hobby and I do it outside of school as well. I joined dance because I thought it would be fun.

The thing I love about BMSG is that you can be yourself.

My advice to a new student is to be nice to staff, try and make as many friends as possible and try hard.



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# Alana

Primary School:

## Forth River PS

When I first heard that I got into Girls' Model I was delighted to hear as it was my first choice. I was also excited to meet new people and teachers.

I felt really nervous and worried on my first day. I was worried I wouldn't know anyone in my class, but it turned out I knew more people than I thought. We also had a big assembly to welcome us and a lunch with our families. It turned out to be a great first day.

My best moments in our first term would be being chosen for the Student Council and going on a trip with the Netball team to play a tournament.

My favourite subjects are Art and Design, HE, Maths and PE. I love these subjects for different reasons. I love being creative and love to cook, Maths I've always loved and PE is my favourite because I love to be active and run about.

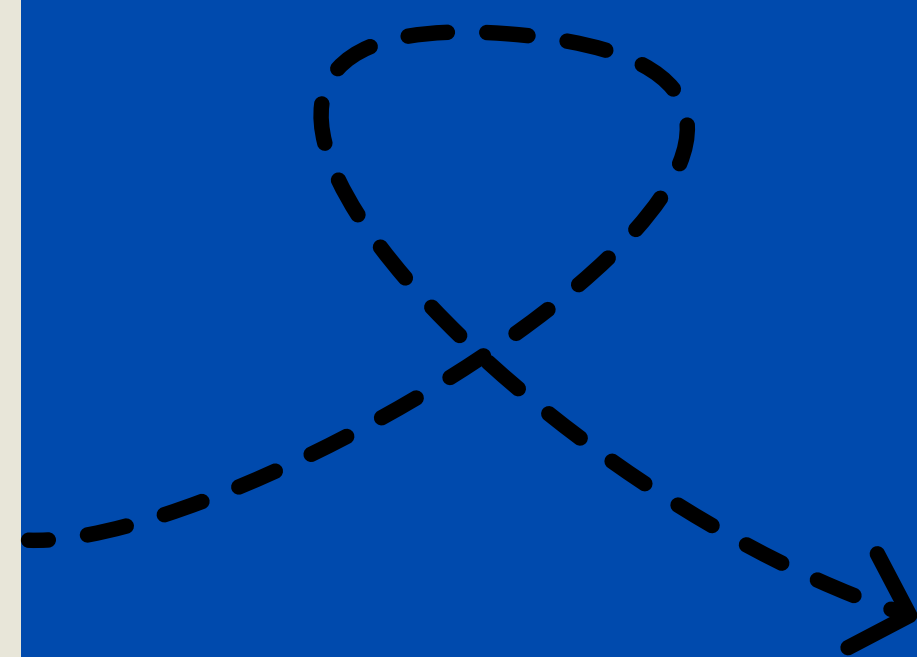
I've joined an after school club every day. On a Monday I go to Netball, Tuesday is Trampolining, Wednesday I go to the Fitness Club and Thursday is Football. I joined these clubs because I wanted to learn new sports.

The thing I love about BMSG is that all the teachers are lovely, and very welcoming and will listen to you if there is something wrong, the dinner ladies are so kind.

My advice to a new student would be don't worry about making new friends, everyone is in the same boat, and just remember to be yourself! Join as many clubs as you can, you will meet new people from all the year groups.



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