

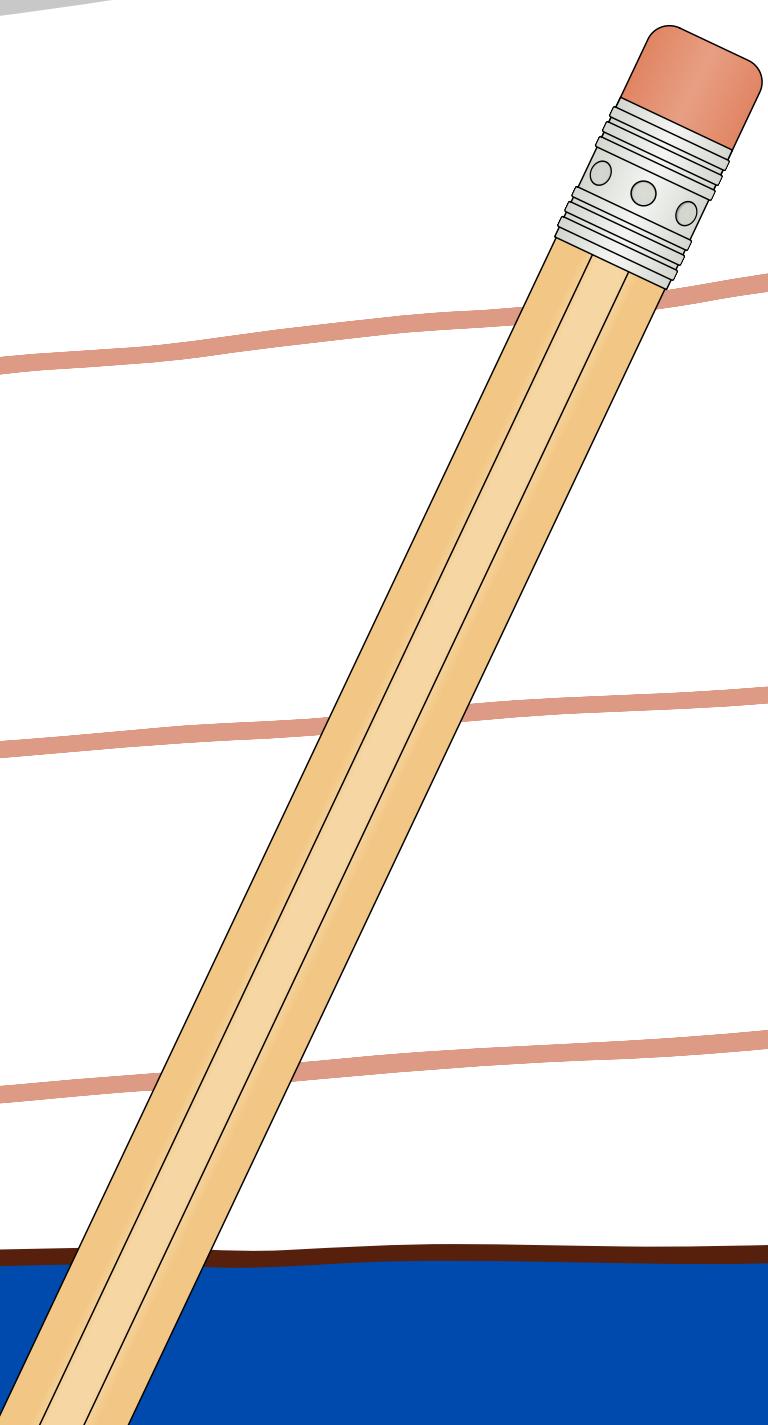


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# Student Voices

**'Our First Term'**

**January 2026**



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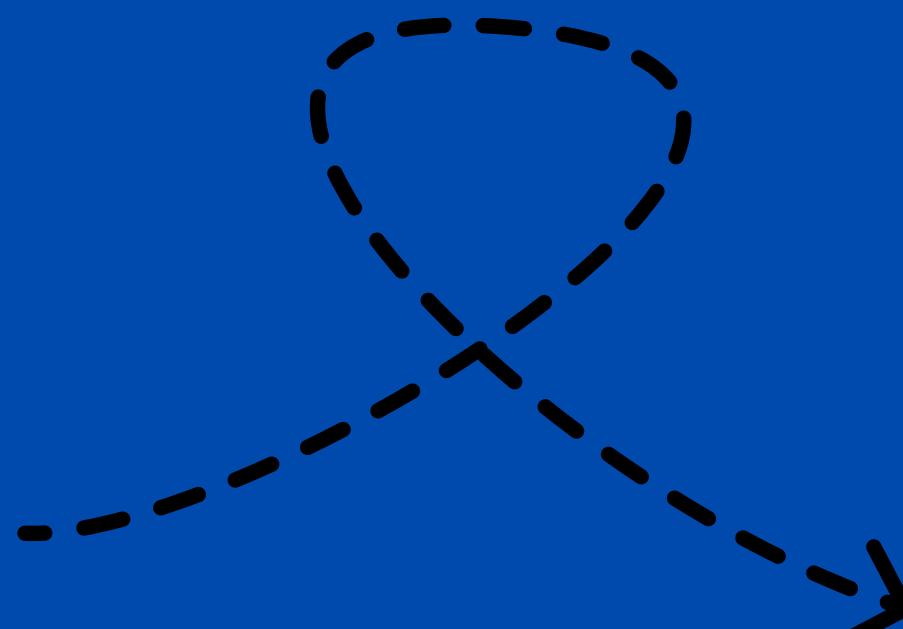
A warm welcome to everyone!

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.



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# Sophie

Primary School:  
**Springfield**



**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?**

When I found out I got a place in BMSG I was very happy and I knew that I would be dedicated and follow the Model Way.

**HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?**

On my first day of school I was nervous, however I made loads of new friends and the staff were very welcoming.

**BEST MOMENT FROM YOUR FIRST TERM?**

My best moment from my first term was getting my first star badge in assembly, it's red that says 'Reach for the Stars!' I also enjoyed the Halloween movie and munch, it was very fun.

**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?**

My favourite subjects are PE, because I like doing sports and you get to wear your PE kit. I also like Technology because it is very interesting and you get to go into the workshop.

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?**

I like getting to move about classes and there is always something to look forward to in school.

**ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?**

I would say don't be afraid because you can make friends very easily. Talk to people and be friendly and if you can't do something 'yet' have a positive mindset and remember there are always people who can help you!

# Hannah

Primary School:  
**Harmony PS**



**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?**

When I found out I got into BMSG I was so happy and excited!

**HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?**

On my first day I was bit nervous at first but I met loads of new friends which helped me settle in.

**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?**

My favourite subject is PE because I like to stay active and healthy.

**WHAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE YOU JOINED?**

I joined the Football Club which is on a Thursday as I play for a team outside of school.

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?**

I love the opportunities to join different groups and sports clubs such as Football, Trampolining, Dance and Cookery Club and loads more!

**ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?**

Don't be nervous and get involved with loads of club activities so you can have fun and meet loads of new friends!

# Aashi

Primary School:

## Fane Street PS



HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?

I was so happy and surprised because I heard this school is very good school.

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?

I was nervous at first but it wasn't that bad, everyone was so nice and kind!

BEST MOMENT OF YOUR FIRST TERM?

The best moment was getting my star badge that says 'Reach for the Stars' and I got a certificate for having 100% attendance.

FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?

My favourite subjects are Science and Art because they are so much fun. I'm not very good at Art but I enjoy doing the practicals in Science. I listen carefully and do exactly what my teachers says to do!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?

I love that the students and staff in BMSG are so nice and kind, they also help me with everything.

ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?

Be kind, nice and respectful.

# Eva

Primary School:  
**Cavehill PS**



**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?**  
I felt a lot of joy because I wanted to go to BMSG ever since Primary 6.

**HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?**

On my first day I was really nervous about making new friends but I had Eva and Bella by my side from primary school.

**BEST MOMENT OF YOUR FIRST TERM?**

My best moment was meeting Alba and Lacey because on the first day they smiled at me and I just knew I wanted to be friends with them. I did make friends with them and I couldn't imagine school without them.

**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?**

My favourite subjects are Technology and Drama. I like Technology because it is fun and I love the teacher and in Drama you get to act and it's really fun.

**WHAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE YOU JOINED?**

I joined the Football Club because I've loved playing ever since I was a kid and it brings me a lot of joy.

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?**

I love that everyone is so kind and it is easy to make friends and everyone is willing to help you no matter what.

**ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?**

The advice that I would give to a new student is everyone is nervous on their first day, the best thing you can do is go in and be yourself and be kind.

# Lucy

Primary School:  
**Currie PS**



**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?**  
I felt very excited and pleased to hear I got into BMSG as it was my first choice.

**HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?**

I was scared but I made friends, it is very big at first and I got lost a few times.

**BEST MOMENT OF YOUR FIRST TERM?**

The best part of the first term was getting to meet new friends.

**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?**

Drama as I love acting and it's fun and Art because its fun and I love painting.  
I also like PE and ICT because they are fun.

**WHAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE YOU JOINED?**

I joined the Trampolining Club which is a lot of fun, but very tiring!

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?**

The teachers are super nice and lessons are fun.

**ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?**

Don't be scared because everyone is super nice.

# Emily

Primary School:  
**Ligoniel PS**



## HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?

I felt quite happy and excited to be apart of BMSG. I also felt nervous to be going to strange and large new school that I haven't properly been in before. but I was excited to see what new and fun stuff I will learn and do.

## HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?

I felt nervous entering a new school with people I'm not used to but the school felt welcoming and everything started to feel more normal. All of my teachers that I met were very fun and welcoming.

## BEST MOMENT OF YOUR FIRST TERM?

The best moment was the Mary Poppins play it was fantastic. I loved it the girls playing in it were absolutely amazing!

## FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY?

My favourite subjects are PE, Art, Technology, Maths, English, Science, Geography and Home Economics. I really like all of those subjects because all of the teachers make it very fun and enjoyable, especially when we get to play fun games while learning and I think it makes it even more enjoyable.

## WHAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE YOU JOINED?

I have joined Netball, Kickboxing and Cookery Club because I find them all very enjoyable and because all the teachers make sure everyone is happy and enjoying what they are doing.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?

I love how the school has a wide variety of after school clubs because if there wasn't as many then some students would be missing out on something they might have wanted to do.

## ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?

The advice I would give would be to not be nervous or scared. Don't be afraid of change as growing up is just apart of life. Always keep your head high and do your best!

# Alba

Primary School:  
**Seaview PS**



## HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?

When I heard I got a place in BMSG I was jumping for joy and I couldn't wait to hear if any of my friends got in to my class!

## HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?

My first day in BMSG was very good although I was a little nervous. I just went in and was myself.

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?

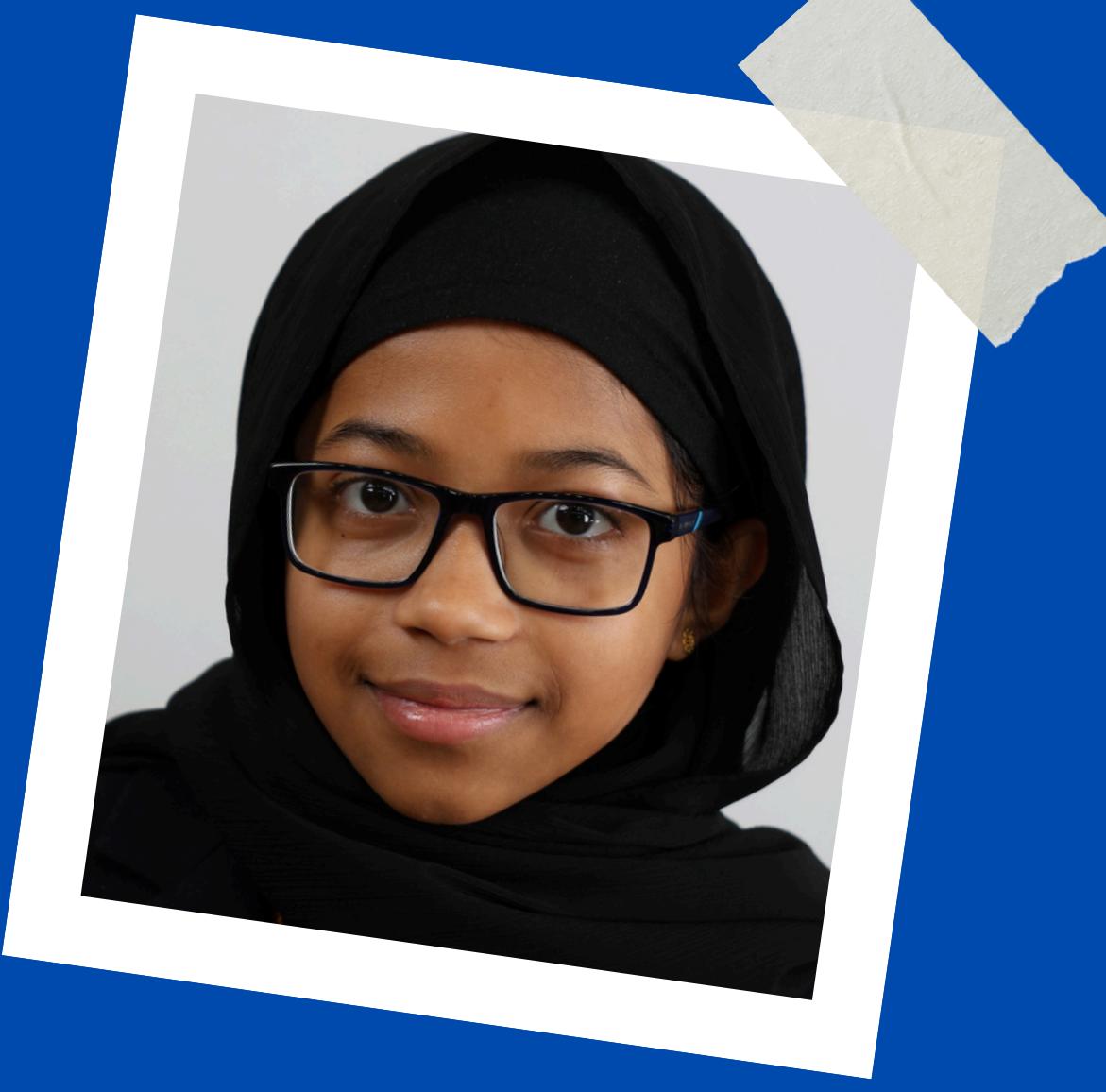
I love the teachers in BMSG and the way they help you over such little things and that they are always there for you when you need it.

## ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?

Just go in and be yourself and don't worry about anything or anyone because all you can do is go in and try your best.

# Tanisha

Primary School:  
**Seaview PS**



**HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?**

I felt excited because it was my dream high school also my mum and dad were so happy.

**HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?**

My first day was so good. I met new teachers and I even made a new friend! I felt so happy and excited to learn new stuff.

**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY**

My favourite subject is Home Economics because I love cooking and it's so fun.

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?**

I love the teachers and the subjects because the teachers are really nice the subjects are always so exciting.

**ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?**

Work hard, respect your teachers and always try your best in your work.

# Amelia

Primary School:

Forth River PS



HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD YOU RECEIVED A PLACE IN BMSG?

I was really excited to get a place in BMSG!

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY?

In my first day I felt nervous and excited but I met lots of new friends and the teachers were nice.

BEST MOMENT OF YOUR FIRST TERM?

My best moment is when i met my first friend Kyla. she is my best friend and she is so kind and funny.

FAVOURITE SUBJECTS & WHY

My favourite subjects are Technology, Art and Science. I like Technology because I love building and Art because I love designing things and drawing. I like Science because I love doing practicals!

WHAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE YOU JOINED?

I go to Trampolining club after school because I love going to competitions and keeping fit.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BMSG?

I love having more subjects than I did in primary school. I like going from class to class rather than just staying in one class like primary school.

ANY ADVICE FOR A NEW YEAR 8 STUDENT?

The advice I would give a year 8 would be to make new friends because they might turn out to be your best friend for life!