

Welcome Y6 to UCC

Please see some messages below from eight of our Y7 students, on how they felt about starting at UCC last year and how much they enjoy being part of UCC....

At first, I was a bit nervous, but also quite excited about going to UCC. I was worried about two things: not making any friends and that I would get lost. But in the first week I made some new friends and still had my old friends as well (everyone is very friendly as they are all feeling the same and want to make friends). I also found my way around the school quickly. At first, it did seem big but during my first few days of getting used to everything, it seemed to get smaller (if you get lost you can always ask an older student, they will be happy to help and during the first few weeks the teachers do not mind if you are late). Most of the teachers are nice as well.

When I go back, I cannot wait to see all my friends, as I have not seen them in ages! It will also be nice to go back so I can get help with my work in person instead of on screen. I am looking forward to seeing all my favourite teachers and I am desperate to have another panini as well, they are delicious.

I love being at UCC, it is fun and there is always lots of things that you can get involved in. I will happily help you if you ever get lost in the hallways. I hope you have a wonderful time at UCC. Good luck!

Tiggy, 7AL

Since starting at UCC the things I've enjoyed the most have been English, PE and French. The thing I was most nervous about was whether I would have a nice form tutor....but he is really nice, funny and kind and so are all the other teachers! Don't worry you will love it here!

Tom, 7DE

When I first started UCC, it was a little nerve racking. There are a lot of big changes, and you get to be a lot more independent. Everyone there is super nice, and you're well looked after. Getting lost isn't too much of a problem because there is always someone you can ask for help. Going back to UCC, I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends again and being able to speak properly to everyone. I know I haven't spent much time there because of lockdown, but the times I did was a blast!

Zac, 7ZH

This time last year I was in your position, I was finding out if I got a place in UCC! When I found out I got in I was so excited for all of the opportunities that you can get involved with. It's a great school and all of the students and teachers are lovely! Another thing you don't need to worry about is finding your way around. For the first few days your teacher will lead you to your next lesson then the next and the next, etc. The food is great and there's so much to choose from. There is also the option to take a packed lunch, so no need to worry, again. It's easy to make new friends especially as you're all in the same boat. I look forward to making more new friends during your transition to Secondary School and helping you all through UCC! I'm so excited to be able to go back to school next week and see all of my friends and teachers!

Natalie, 7KK

When I first started UCC, I was quite nervous that I wouldn't be able to find my way around the school. It was a big step from my primary school, but I found that everyone was really friendly and within a week or so, I knew exactly where to go. When I go back to UCC, I am looking forward to seeing my friends again and continuing year 7 where I left off.

Maddy, 7AL.



When I started at UCC I was very excited but a bit nervous. My main worry was that I was going to get lost and be in trouble for being late for lessons. However, the teachers are all very understanding if you are late to a lesson because you got lost in the first few weeks, and lots of the other students will help you. If you don't know where a lesson is, you can ask in form time or you can ask a teacher or student in the corridors. You might be nervous about wearing the uniform and it may feel strange, but you will get used to it and it will start to feel normal. Also, you might think you will get teased if your bag is the wrong make or size but everyone has different bags and you shouldn't worry.

UCC is amazing! The staff are really nice, the pupils are kind and the lessons are fun. The food from the canteen is really tasty and you will make lots of new friends. There are great sports facilities, the sports hall, the field and the Astroturf. I was worried that I would be the only one who had a packed lunch or the only one who had a hot meal but there are roughly equal numbers for both. I had enjoyed UCC so much that I was sad to return to home learning after only a few weeks in school. Home learning has been good though because the work is interesting, doesn't take too long and I still feel like I am learning. Also, it is nice not waking up at 6:55 am! Although I love the live lessons, I am really looking forward to returning to face-to-face learning and seeing my friends.

Luke, 7DE

Starting UCC was probably the greatest experience yet. Apart from the delayed start and Lockdown restrictions, I have met so many amazing people and have become friends with the best people I could ever imagine. The teachers are always there for me and are always willing to help no matter what. They are also so kind and supportive towards us students. So there is really nothing to worry about when you start year seven, just relax and enjoy the ride.

Amelia, 7ZH

Moving up to UCC is quite a big deal when you're in year six as you don't know what lies ahead. I was so nervous to move up to UCC as I thought I would be late to every single lesson and the teachers would be really strict. I didn't actually believe the kids at UCC when they said you are able to find your way around the school in a week but it's true you can, I found my way in about three days! There are loads of positives about going to UCC, the friendliness of all the staff and students, the opportunities..... and one of the biggest positives is the food, it's amazing! Making friends might seem like quite a big thing but when you finally get into your form and lessons, you make a million friends and everyone really is nice!

Connie, 7JMH

