

To everyone in Year 6 who is coming to Maesteg Comp this year,

In September 2019 I started in Year 7, I came from Cwmfelin. I remember when Mrs Hill and Mrs Jones came to talk to me and my parents in primary; I was excited about going to Comp because they told us all the new things we would be doing, but I also felt anxious about it because I didn't know how big it would be or if I might get lost.

You would think comp is a scary place, but trust me it isn't. School is going to be one of the best experiences of your life, especially up Maesteg. (and it really doesn't matter if you get lost, the teachers will help you find your way!)

The best things that I've experienced up the school is the sport facilities. If you like sports then you're going to really like it up the school. Even if you don't like sports, there's lots of sports that you can try so if you don't like a certain sport, they most likely have an activity up there that you would like.

The teachers up the school are all really good and respect pupils that respect them so if you want respect off teachers, you should respect them back. You're treated more grown up and given more freedom to be independent.

The best for me is being in the rugby and football teams. When you play for the school, you also get to go to other Comps to play and meet kids from other parts of South Wales. It's a big achievement playing for the school but if you're naughty, you're not allowed to play. All the sports teachers are sound; they encourage and help you in a way that makes you want to achieve more.

Up the school, you would be surprised how much you would like all the new subjects. The lessons never get too boring and every hour you move to different classes so things are not dragging on. You only have five lessons a day, each are one hour and you have two breaks, one in the morning and one for lunch. Food up the school is much better than primary as there's a big variety to choose from, you can have food at break time and lunchtime. Lunchtime is split so you only have year 7 & 8 together and then year 9, 10 and 11 have theirs after us.

I have loved starting up the comp, even though I still have lots of friends from primary, I've met loads of new mates and we have the best laugh together inside and outside school, you'll love it!

Good luck for Year 7, see you up there 😊

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