



Hi, my name is Tamara. I just wanted to introduce myself and say hello.

In the coming months we had so many great things planned that have had to be cancelled. Please don't worry, all of your transition activities will happen when we come back, look out for the letters and emails sent home.

I would like to tell you about all of the good things that we do at Hornchurch High School and why I love it there so much.

First of all, we have a daily timetable of all the sports you can do during break 1, break 2 and after school. This gives students the chance to meet new people, spend their breaks doing something active and something that they enjoy as well. If you are interested in netball and basketball, there are matches you can take part in when you join the club.

As a result of these strange circumstances we missed out on many trips this year that were planned. At Hornchurch High School, we have yearly trips for different year groups. Here are some quotes from the school website giving a deeper explanation on our yearly school trips: "Hornchurch High School takes great pride in the number of trips and visits that students are exposed to". There is a committee that meets monthly to decide on trips.

One thing that I love about Hornchurch High School is that we are always motivated and challenged. There is also a More Able group to challenge those of us that like to be challenged!. It just means that you are reaching above and beyond the expected. It is a great achievement to have. The more able students are selected to do the Rising Stars programme. The programme is designed to stretch and challenge students in a range of areas. Each student is given a Rising Stars booklet which contains subject specific challenges. Students are then given the chance to develop their skills through a number of extra-curricular and enrichment activities during the course of the year. On top of this, the students are expected to attend weekly meetings during tutor time to present their completed activities and to also complete more tasks in the booklet.

There are plenty of other awards and achievements to collect too. Every year we have an awards evening. This evening is a celebration of specific students in every year group who have done exceptionally well. There are more awards to collect throughout the year, so if you don't get to go to the awards evening it doesn't mean you won't get an award. Every year, near the end of each half term, we have a rewards day for each year group. This is where you can win new subject award badges and certificates for special achievements.

If you ever have any problems, there are teachers and student leaders (student support) that can help you whenever you need it. Also, if you are struggling with the work in class don't be afraid to ask the teacher or one of your friends. Hornchurch High School makes it easier for



the students and parents to know what students will be learning in the term by giving each student a booklet with all the topics in it (it is called a Knowledge Organiser). This makes sure that we are up to date and are well prepared. It gives us a head start on what we will be learning that term. We are also given a lined book for us to write in using the Knowledge Organiser. We are told to complete five pages per week and our teachers check these. This helps us to revise and learn the topics that we need to know to progress effectively throughout the year. In addition, it helps us to learn our preferred revision method (e.g. look, cover, write, check). I also enjoy the competitions for this as well.

There is so much more to tell you, but you will have to wait and see yourself.

See you in school,

Tamara