

Dear new student

College is a giant leap of faith in any student's life. They approach college in same manner as secondary school, although college is really different both in how you're taught and how you manage yourself at college.

From a personal perspective, my thoughts are that there is a clear difference in teaching with specific focus around student principles and how we are to behave. There is a relaxed approach to dress code even though they request that you dress appropriately, plus students can also leave the building at lunchtime or have a walk whenever needed. This is a reversal of secondary school when things are much more restricted.

Since enrolment and first day of college, my first impressions drastically changed. The classes I attend have been far more interactive and interesting. The teachers socially interact with you providing many alternatives for your needs for the best education a pupil can receive. Each lesson has something new making every day more interesting. Don't get me wrong, college is not easy but with the right support, which is provided, you'll get the best education experience.

In some cases in college you have to be independently focused and driven if you want to learn more on a specific topic. The LRC (library) has a huge range of software and books which provide us with the opportunity to access sites and search out information plus other resources for enjoyment and educational purposes.

The college has a range of events all pupils are proactively welcomed too. I have recently enrolled myself in rugby at college and this has been a great new and fun experience. There are many activities too which can be seen on posters on walls in the cafeteria and hallways. These events can lead you to many new things.

The key differences when joining college are the teaching, flexibility, focus around working alone and as a team, but especially the ability to be self-motivated to get tasks complete on time.

When I think about it, I am growing up and maturing and starting to see that if I want something, I need to work hard to achieve it. My college provides me with the tools to achieve this and all I need to do is just put the work ethic in.

Yours sincerely

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