

## Head Student Speech

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SWR isn't the largest secondary school, but I've definitely found this to be a positive thing as you often know all the teachers and they know you again being a smaller school, you soon get to know all of your fellow students. This creates a strong sense of community and belonging.

One of the strongest communities is formed through extracurricular activities at SWR. This is an excellent way to make new friends. There is a real range of clubs to join. This means you can join clubs that you know you like. Some that are new to you clubs are great way to make new friends, as you already have something in common with those other people, so there's always something for you to talk about.

From personal experience, I found a lot of my friends through football and other sporty clubs was Lily and Liz met through hockey club. However, it doesn't have to be a sports club. There are many more academic clubs to where you can represent the school for example, the debate society, foreign language spelling bee and science challenges just a name of you.

When I was in year 7 I remember I had all these worries and doubts about moving into secondary about how scary it would be and what it was going to be like but then when I got here I realised that it wasn't like that and I'm sure that over your time in the last 2 days you have realised this and I hope that you will carry those new friends and feeling through with you when u come back in September .