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**Dear New S1,**

I am writing to tell you about my first few months at Leith Academy.

I hope this will tell you what life is like at Leith Academy and give you an idea of what to expect when you join us next year.

This year I have really enjoyed being in S1 as I did lots of new subjects. One of my favourite new subjects was science, as I had not done a lot in primary school. My favourite part of science is the experiments, because in the experiments we got to use lots of cool, but some dangerous equipment, including Bunsen burners and test tubes. I also enjoyed subjects like art, which I didn't get to do a lot of in primary school. In S1, I was introduced to more art techniques and was taught how to use different art equipment. P.E is always a good subject you get to run around playing lots of sports learning things such as communication and teamwork skills with your classmates. The technological studies department is very impressive, because it has up to date computers, a laser cutter and even a 3D printer. One really big thing I enjoy is going outside of school for lunch and being more independent.

There have been some surprises/opportunities at Leith Academy such as after school activities. I personally have really enjoyed the after-school rugby on a Monday, because through doing that I have been able to play rugby matches with other schools and got training sessions by professional rugby player Blair Kinghorn and the Scotland Captain Stuart McNally. Our team has also had opportunities like flag bearing at an Edinburgh rugby match thanks to our good coach Ross. Rugby isn't the only after school activity, there are other sports, including football, swimming, basketball and netball.

My challenges this year have been the big changes that comes with secondary school like having to follow your timetable and getting to grips with finding all the different classes. It was also quite weird to begin with not being in classes with all my friends from primary school, but you soon make new ones.

**Yours sincerely**

Cameron Forrest

**Self-assessment: what do you think of your letter?**

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My letter had a date and address

✓

I used capital letters to start sentences.

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I used full stops to end sentences.

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The letter tells the reader about me.

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The letter tells the reader about Leith Academy.

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Something I could have done better:

Further explanations of the activities available.

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