

Dear Parent, Carers and prospective Year 7 students,

My name is Faiza and I am currently a Year 10 student at Cecil Jones.

I am writing to you today to describe to you my personal experiences as a student at Cecil Jones Academy, part of The Loxford School Trust. Throughout the three years that I have been a student here, the staff have supported and helped me in any way they could. I have felt a sense of belonging and comfort and I am positive you will feel the same way when you attend Cecil Jones Academy.

I was slightly worried about coming back to school during this global pandemic, however, the school have assured us that they are making it as safe as possible for us. The teachers worked together to create a detailed plan for us in such little time and successfully implemented it.

The school have put in many new procedures, putting our safety first, such as having sanitising stations throughout the school so you can stay sanitised throughout the whole day. It is also required to wear a mask in corridors and in large crowds unless you suffer from breathing issues. Not only that, but the school have been split into bubbles; this means that each bubble has a different gate and timings for when to come in to lower and risks so ultimately you will be as safe as possible.

Although the library is closed for sitting in, there is still the option to go in and pick a book you would like to read and take out. There are all types of books such as romance, horror, action, diaries and fiction and non-fiction. Mrs Lunn, the school librarian, will be with you and help you into finding a book perfect for you.

It is evident that the teachers always try and make the lessons productive and the atmosphere positive which is why many students enjoy school. Some students come to school dreading what is to come, however the teachers try for us and teach us in a way that we can all learn. Cecil Jones always pushes you to be the best you can and more, they will never stop you doing something you love which is why there are always a variety of extra- curriculum options for everyone to participate in.

At your age, many people worry that they don't know what they want to be in the future, but rest assured the school will set you with options full of diverseness and even if the thing that you are passionate about isn't a full lesson, there is more than likely an after school or out of school convention that the school can help you with. There are never ending experiences for everyone.

The school never holds back from giving awards out to the students who work hard in class and even outside of class. You can get awards for your attendance and by the points you can earn. Teachers can award students achievement points and behaviour points depending how much they have achieved in class and how well they have engaged in the lesson. For all of these positive things that you do and gain rewards for you can also be awarded to go on trips, for example Thorpe Park, bowling, cinema visits and the list goes on.

I can truthfully say that there will be teachers always around so if you ever need help with something, they will help without giving a second thought, so never feel scared, but instead feel comfortable.

Soon this will be your school so treat it well and it will treat you well back.