



The Bishop of Lincoln

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A letter from Bishop Christopher to those moving to senior school

I'm going to start my letter by asking you what might seem like a strange question. It's this: what have you learned while you've been at school?

You might think the answer is obvious! After all, you've learned so much about lots of things – reading, writing, sport, art, music, history, geography – the list goes on and on. However, it's not the whole story, because while you've been at school you've learned a lot more besides.

You've learned about friendship; about how to get along with people who are different from you. You've begun to think about how you fit in to the world around you and how to be part of a community. These things are part of finding out how you can be a good citizen and a member of the society in which we all live and play a part, whether we're 11 or 21 years old.

Moving to a new school is exciting, but it can also be a little bit scary – but it needn't feel like that. When you move to your new school, there will be lots of people to help you and make you feel at home so that you can make the most of all the things that are about to come your way.

You're going to meet lots of new people and have lots of new experiences. The important thing, as Jesus taught us, is always to treat other people the way you would want them to treat you. There's one word to sum all that up: respect. Respect for others; respect for yourself; and respect for the fantastic opportunity we all have to learn more about this fabulous world that God has given us to care for and enjoy.

I wish you every blessing as you take this exciting step.

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