

Deep down in the far west monstrous London, nothing but the greyness of the folding light glides across the town. Except, one luminous building that screamed its illumination across the orchestral sounds of horns honking and people chatting. So where should I begin on this so-called little journey? I advise you to pay close attention to the hive of activity I am about to tell you, as this is what keeps the city alive.

Yes, that's right I am talking about my school-the finest school in the world! What? Am I exaggerating too much? See now despite the chilling surrounds, my school doesn't play games. The best way to describe my school is a creative caring environment. There is not a day that goes by leaving me in shock of all the talent that streams through every crevice. There are always days where we welcome new diamonds into our school and make them feel as inclusive as possible and protect their precious hearts. There is not a day where you would find a single pea left alone in its pod. Yes, that is my school. Cardinal Wiseman Catholic High School a place where "everyone" is one.

Now you may be thinking; well how does this heavenly environment always find a way to welcome new people and have an inclusive community? It's all down to the flock of sheep and the shooting stars who guide us through our journey- that's right the students and the teachers. The most intimidating thing is when a new student comes in, thinking all sorts of stuff while their heartbeat skips, alarmed at the new chapter that they have entered. We eliminate all of these worries straight away because as soon as a new student is welcomed by the teachers, the flock of sheep all huddle around this glistening new pea and benevolently get to know this person. But it is not just students we welcome; we welcome everyone and everything.

Ever wonder how the community, as a whole, welcome a new flock of lambs every year? Yes, that's right the baby year 7s from primary school, all warmed hearted and vulnerable. Well as a school we try our best to give them the best experience as possible. To do so, for the first couple of weeks we give them amnesty; no detentions or behaviour points even if they forgot their book or homework. We also give them many opportunities to get to know each other, i.e. By going on retreats, school trips and so on. This is highly important to us, as welcoming new people allows us to naturally be an inclusive community, which is also seen in our everyday actions during school. For example, when we hold the door for someone without realising, when we say thank you...

So yes, my school has the most inclusive community and welcomes new people like diamonds that need to be protected and kept sacred. But my school is also much more than that, it is adventurous, virtuoso and so much more that can't be put into words.

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