

To start with, if you are looking for the perfect school with the perfect students and the perfect staff... you are in the wrong place, simple as that. Before you read my essay or any essay for that matter you should know that the perfect school just doesn't exist, and anyone who says it does is lying. Yes my school, Cardinal Wiseman, has an outstanding Ofsted report, but that means... what, exactly? I'm 15 years old, starting new GCSE courses, as well as having my one personal life, so excuse me if Ofsted is not at the height of my understanding. What I focus more on is my surroundings, how I feel safe and loved, which I do, but make no mistake it's not because of the school, it's because of the people in it.

My friends. I can barely live with them, but I could never live without them. The first people I met in this school, Maria and Roisin. Met them in an RE class after our teacher made a joke about how the pig nose that Roisin drew, looks like her own (thanks Mr Carr). A friend of mine, Alex, met last year, easily one of my best mates, constantly making each other laugh. JOEL! Oh my days, Joel! This kid could honestly be my long lost brother it's mad! We are both musical, we are both funny (debatable) and sometimes we accidentally say the exact same phrases at the exact same time. I know so many more people and these weirdos make my day constantly. They are all different and special in their own weird way and I'm so glad they are in my life. So that means (brace yourselves lads) I am thankful to the school for bringing us together. They all have such an impact on my life and I can't wait to see who life, and the school, introduces me to next.

Ok, the staff. Disclaimer: I do not have a positive opinion of every single teacher. I respect and listen to them but I just may not like them. Like I said, the perfect school just doesn't exist, but I do my best to get by. But my opinion doesn't mean anything; because EVERYONE has at least one teacher they have a good relationship with a teacher. I won't lie, it probably isn't someone in a high position, but it could just be an English teacher, a tutor, your musical instrument teacher, but it is SOMEONE! I'm lucky enough to have so many teachers I can turn to. I have been building relationships since Year 7, and I'm still surprised that some of these teachers remember my name.

I still think that the perfect school doesn't exist. However, think that my school is filled with the perfect people. Every school has problems, but I think that what I have gained from my life in school outweighs the bad. Therefore, don't look for your perfect school, it doesn't exist, trust me.

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