

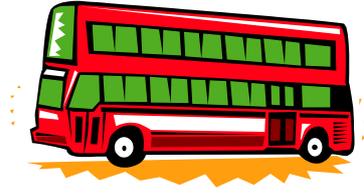
Moving on from Year 6



Information for Parents

What you and your child will need to know before starting the new school

• Where the School is



• How to get there

- No of bus

- Where to get on/get off



• What day school starts in September

• Layout of the School



• What time school begins + finishes



• Rules of the school

• Equipment—What is needed

• What is not allowed in school



• What can be worn

• What cannot be worn

• Where to keep things

• Dinner time



• Who else is going to the school

• What will happen on the first day



How to find the way around school?

- Meetings will be organised between schools and there will be opportunities to look around.
- Planners and Maps showing classrooms will be given out
- There will be a buddy system or prefect who looks after group/individual pupils



Equipment



Find out from
School



Uniform/Clothes

- Each school has its own school uniform with a tie. Find out what the rule is about ties, because they are different for each school
- If possible have a spare tie
- Learn how to tie it



P.E. Kit

- Some schools have an indoor kit and an outdoor kit. There will be rules about colour of kit, type of T-shirt and shorts - **put name on them.**

It will be useful to have a bag to keep these in separately.

Timetable

Every body will be given a timetable. Some schools have a timetable which runs over two weeks others have a weekly timetable. All timetables will show start and end of lessons.

It will be useful to go over the abbreviations for lessons before September, find out from the High School how their timetable works and what abbreviations they use. Timetables can be enlarged, simplified or colour coded.

Here are some common examples

Ar	-	Art
Dr	-	Drama
En	-	English
MFL	-	Modern Foreign Language
Ft	-	Food Technology
Ger	-	German
Geo	-	Geography
Hist	-	History
ICT	-	Information and Communication Technology
Ma	-	Maths
Mu	-	Music
PE	-	Physical Education

- PSHE - Personal, Social & Health Education
- RE - Religious Education
- RM - Resistant Materials
- Sc - Science
- Sp - Spanish
- Tech - Technology
- Tt - Textile Technology

- Subjects like Technology operate on a carousel system and will need to be updated.
- Make a copy of your timetable — keep it on your bedroom wall, or somewhere safe just in case one gets lost.
- If possible have a watch, though time keeping is not always a problem as most High Schools have a bell system



Dinner Time

All schools will have a cafeteria system where there is a choice about what to eat or you can take a packed lunch.

- Year seven pupils are usually allowed to get their dinner first, when they begin the new school, but after the first few weeks they will be expected to queue like everyone else.
- If there are problems with lunchtime/ food let school know.



Some key differences between Primary School and High School

- Corridors
- Playground → Yard
- A bell - to signal start/end of lessons
- Homework - there will be more of it and a homework Diary/planner



Your child will

- Change rooms
- Have different teachers
- Different subjects - Some using special equipment or protective clothing



These can be seen as opportunities

High Schools can offer a wide range of activities to develop sports or leisure interests to develop music or artistic ability with access to well equipped specialised teaching areas and have teachers with subject specialisms to develop knowledge and understanding

Homework

Most schools have homework clubs. Some are before or after school, some are at lunch time, They are there to help pupils complete homework and there is usually someone who can help.

How can you help?

- Check the Homework Diary every day.
- Negotiate a time for doing homework
- Encourage homework to be done on day it is set.
- Offer help with homework, if necessary, but don't do it. Eg. Read long pieces of text, help with use of spell-checker or dictionary.
- If your child has difficulty recording homework at the end of the lesson arrange with the school for someone else to record it
- If your child is struggling with homework eg. taking too long, not understanding the task, attempt as much as possible and let the teacher know through the diary or commenting in subject book
- If problems continue contact the teacher directly
- The best learning strategy will be

READ IT
UNDERSTAND IT
WRITE IT
SAY IT
CHECK IT



Common /Worries

Bullying

New Teachers

**Detention/
being shouted
at**

**Losing
Friends**

getting lost

Losing books

being late

Hard Work

**not knowing
Answers**

**Not
knowing
anyone**

Important People

- Headteacher
- Head of Year 7
- SENCO
- Form Tutor
- Tel. No.

Useful Information

- Find out the name of the Special Needs Co-ordinator
- Find out the school's procedures for dealing with problems
- Find out the names of the subject teachers and how to spell them.
- Find out the phone numbers of friends who can clarify information

Final hints

- Try and get into the routine of packing school bags the night before and refer to timetable when packing the bag
- Moving to a new school can be very tiring so it is important that pupils get a good nights sleep, especially during the first term.
- Keep talking to your child.



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Pupils

- To be involved in all transfer activities made available by both primary and secondary schools
- Take advantage of any additional support offered
- Do not accept bullying to yourself or others, report all incidents to school and parents

Parents/Carers

- Make secondary school choice sooner rather than later
- Ensure that the transfer process is fully understood and ask for help if unsure
- Make early contact with secondary SENCOs/Heads of Year so that the receiving school is aware of your concerns
- Encourage you child to take advantage of transfer activities and support
- Be pro-active in supporting your child by checking homework/journals etc.

