

# Where are you going?



























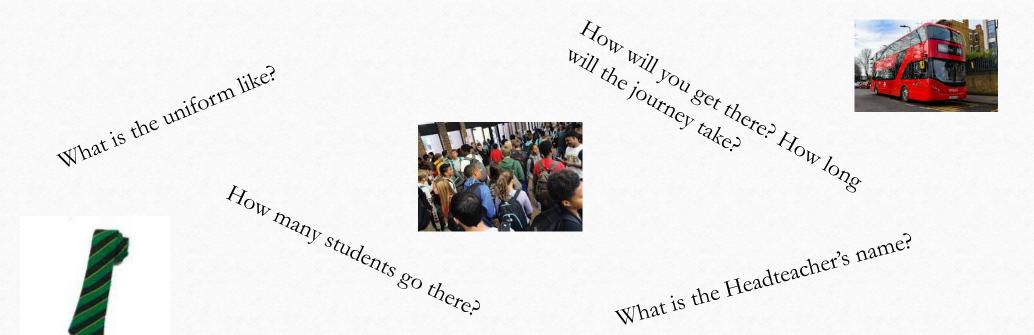








# What do you already know about your new school?



# What we're taking with us

- Imagine if you'd had to go to secondary school at the end of Year 4.
- What would be different?
- Why would it be so much harder?
- Make a list of all the things you already know/know how to do that you'll need in secondary school.

## Similarities and Differences

What will be the same?

What will be different?



### It's HUGE

- Secondary schools are not really huge they just feel that way when you are new. Do you remember how big this school felt when you started? And now you know every inch of it!
- Most secondary schools are much bigger than primary schools. But don't worry, there will still be about the same number of people in each class.
- You will definitely learn your way around (and if you get lost do NOT panic, take a deep breath and ask the first adult you see for directions).
- At the beginning, try and stay with your class when walking between lessons, that way you're much less likely to get lost (and if you are late then you are all late together!).

## Independence

What does it mean to be more independent at school?

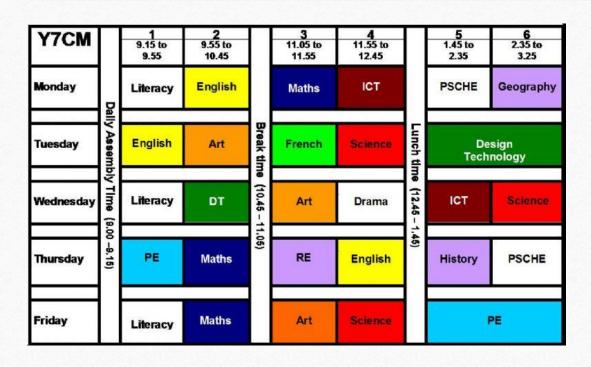
- ✓ Your lessons will be in different rooms. You will need to walk between them without a teacher.
- ✓ You will need to bring your own equipment every day, including bringing in any homework but DON'T WORRY you have a school planner to help you stay organised!
- ✓ You will have more choice about what you do during breaks and lunchtime.



## Your own equipment

- It's a bit like remembering your PE kit only you have to bring it every day!
- It's OK to lend something to a friend (and one day you might be the one who needs to borrow something) but make sure you get it back.
- Put your name on EVERYTHING.

## Example Timetable



- What is period 5 on Mondays?
- What is period 3 on Thursdays?
- When is French?
- How many maths lessons are there each week?
- How long is each lesson?
- Which subjects have double lessons?
- On Monday you get maths homework, due next lesson when must you do it by?

## So. Many. Teachers.

- In the UK, the average primary school has 12 teachers. The average secondary school has 49.
- That's a lot of names to learn.
- It might help to write your teacher's name for each subject on your timetable
   just until you know them all.
- Don't forget, as long as you say it politely you can say 'miss' or 'sir' if you cannot remember a teacher's name!

#### Myth Busters!!

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  EVERY night!
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## What have you heard about secondary school?



## What are you worried about?

It is normal to feel a bit nervous about starting a new school.

The work will be too hard

I won't make friends

I'll get detentions all the time

The teachers won't like me

Bullies

### Choose a Scenario

You were a bit slower than the others changing after PE. Now they've left without you and you don't know what lesson you have next.

You can't find your pencil case. The next lesson is maths and the teacher is SO strict.

You are worried you might be late for your lesson. There is a shortcut but it means going up stairs that you are only allowed to go down.

## Choose a Scenario

You planned to meet your best friend from primary school for lunch but they don't show up.

You realise at break time that you have forgotten your French homework. French is next. You are worried you will get a lunchtime detention.

You see some older students being really mean to another Year 7.

# What are you looking forward to?



More science



More clubs



More drama/art /dance



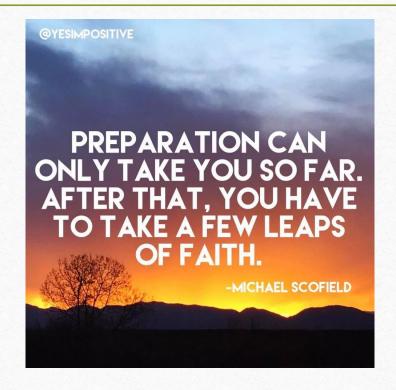
More sport



New friends



# You can't prepare for everything!



# If you are worried, have a problem or do not understand something:



Just like in primary school you will still have a class teacher — usually called a Form Tutor — this person will not teach you for most of your lessons but you will see them every day.

Try to learn their name first and go to them if you have any questions or problems.

