

Teacher Notes:

Session 1: Getting Prepared for High School

If you have any questions, please contact me at e.laing@mardenhigh.net.

Feel free to adapt these resources to suit your cohort.

This session focuses on the transition from primary to secondary school, and how to manage the changes that can arise.

The session's materials and activities are not specific to a school, meaning that you can use them with your whole cohort no matter what secondary school they are attending in September.

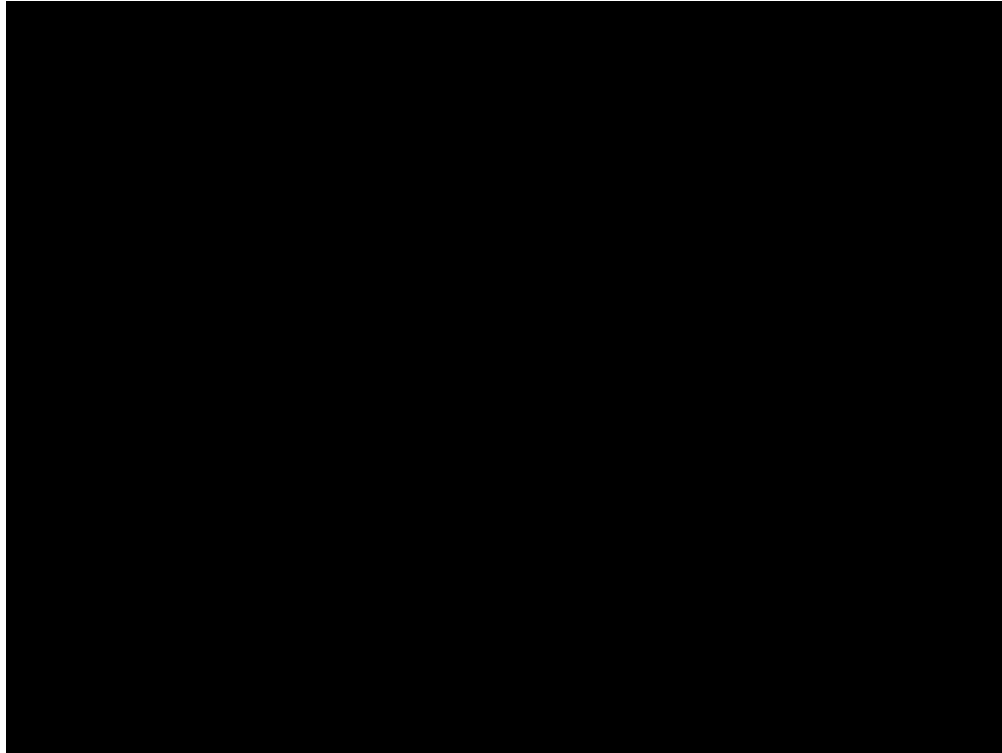
The session features a range of video clips, with some suggested discussion points for each (in the 'notes section at the bottom of each slide).

Equipment required: pen/pencil and paper. Colouring pencils would be useful but not necessary.

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Miss Laing, Head of Year 7 & Transition at Marden High School

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Extremely Confident

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Let's Talk About Change



- What will the similarities be between primary school and secondary school?
- What will the differences be between primary and secondary school?
- What are the most important things a Year 6 pupil needs to know about secondary school?

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Making the Move

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Secondary school brings with it a new world of opportunities, from joining a sports club or learning to cook in food technology to channelling your acting skills in drama.

Here, secondary school students talk about the subjects they are most passionate about and how they play a part in their hopes and dreams for the future.

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The First Day

Your first day at secondary school can be the start of an exciting new chapter but it can also be scary, with so many new people, subjects and teachers as well as the building itself! Students from CBBC's Our School know exactly how you feel and want to share their top tips to help with those first day nerves.

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Using what we have learned in this session, choose and complete one of the following tasks:

TASK A

Create a Venn diagram that shows the similarities and differences between primary and secondary school.

TASK B

Imagine that it is the end of your first day at secondary school. Write a diary entry imagining and describing what it was like and how you felt.

TASK C

Create a poster that advises new Year 7 students where to do for support with their transition to secondary school.

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