

Simon Balle All-through School

Creating Tomorrow's Citizens Today



Year 7 “Wow Me!” Project

Start as you mean to go on...

Secondary school is the start of a new and exciting chapter. It is a place where you will learn more about the world, yourself, and what really inspires you. And the best way to begin? By showing the very best version of who you are.

This project is your chance to step forward with confidence, curiosity, and creativity. It is about celebrating what you are proud of, sharing what fascinates you, and giving your new school a powerful first impression.

What is the purpose of this project?

The “Wow Me!” project will help you:

- Celebrate your strengths, interests and talents
- Reflect on what you achieved and enjoyed in primary school
- Share something that has inspired or intrigued you
- Build confidence as you take your next steps into secondary school
- Set the tone for your learning journey by starting with pride and purpose

What should the project look like?

You can choose how to present your project – it should reflect your personality and your style. You might decide to:

- Create a scrapbook or portfolio of your best work
- Make a short video or digital presentation
- Design a poster, zine or comic-style booklet
- Build a model or 3D creation with a written display
- Record a piece of music, a poem, a scene, or a dance
- Develop your own unique format – be original!

What could I choose to base this on?

About me

Introduce yourself in a way that is personal and engaging. Include your name, your favourite subjects, what you enjoy doing, and a fun fact or two. You can add a drawing or photograph to help us visualise who you are.

My primary school journey

Think back on what made your primary experience special. What did you love learning about? Were there any trips, activities or challenges that stood out? Describe a moment when you felt proud of yourself, or when you overcame something difficult.

My best work

Show a piece (or a few pieces) of work you are really proud of. It could be a story, a piece of art, a science investigation, a maths project, or anything else you feel represents your effort and learning. Explain why you chose it and what you learned from it.

My passions and talents

What do you love doing – in or out of school. This might be a sport, an instrument, a club, a language, coding, baking or building. Maybe you have won an award, represented a sport at county level, or just practised something until you got really good. Tell us about what drives you.

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Inspired by...

This part is all about something that has truly inspired or intrigued you – something that made you want to know more. You could explore:

- A book, author, or topic that opened your mind (like Malorie Blackman's exploration of justice and identity, or the science writing of Brian Cox)
- A historical figure or scientist who made a difference (like Alan Turing, Ada Lovelace, Marie Curie, Nelson Mandela)
- A big question that fascinates you – such as "What happens inside a black hole?" or "How do languages evolve?"
- A topic you've explored independently – like climate change, philosophy, space travel, psychology, or design

Explain why it caught your attention, what you discovered, and what you'd still like to learn. Show your curiosity and your ability to think deeply.

Success criteria

To be successful, your project should:

- Show real pride, effort and creativity
- Include clear and thoughtful information about your primary school experience
- Highlight one or more pieces of work and explain why you chose them
- Reflect your personal interests, passions and talents
- Be presented neatly, clearly and in a way that shows care
- Show your own voice – your thoughts, reflections, and ideas
- Include something that has inspired you or sparked curiosity
- Demonstrate academic skills, such as:
 - Clear explanation and reasoning
 - Research or independent enquiry
 - Organising and communicating ideas effectively
 - Reflective thinking

You are encouraged to go beyond the surface – show what matters to you, what excites you, and what you want to understand more deeply.

Submission

- Please bring along to the library before Summer School on Thursday 28th August, with name and form clearly labelled
- Or, submit online at transition@simonballe.herts.sch.uk

Final tips

- Be honest and thoughtful. This is *your* story.
- Make your work colourful, creative, and personal.
- Use your best handwriting or design skills.
- Ask for support if you need it – but make sure the ideas and final work are your own.
- Start strong. Let this be your first step toward something great.

We cannot wait to see what inspires and excites you. Show us what you care about – and wow us from the very beginning. We will be reviewing the projects throughout Summer School and handing out rewards for effort, quality and engagement.

Let this be the first chapter in your incredible journey through Simon Balle.