

Year 6 Transition

Here you will find information on transition for our Year 6 pupils as well as resources to assist with discussions and activities at home.

Park's Transition procedure:

In Summer term two, the children begin transition work. In school, this would be through weekly PSHE sessions. We would discuss:

- Similarities and differences between Park Academy and secondary schools.
- Things children are excited about and things children are anxious about.
- Rumours that we have heard.
- Share timetables.
- Exploring changes.
- Plan your journey to school.
- Meeting new people and making friends.
- Being organised.

Secondary schools also arrange a visit to the school – usually in the form of assemblies. Some even bring back ex-pupils to help ease the worries. The children would also participate in a transition day where they get to go and spend the day in their new school.

Information is gathered and shared about each child through discussions with staff members from the secondary schools. Most secondary schools contact Park Academy and we hand over useful information about the children. This includes learning levels and key information such as additional needs and friendship groups.

The Year Six teacher passes on information and ensures schools who get in contact have the most up to date and relevant information about the children at Park.

When children find out their confirmed school which is usually in early March, some secondary schools send out transition details to parents.

Towards the end of July, the Year Six children attend a Leavers' Assembly at Park where they recall fond memories and experiences together.

Useful resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zi2grj6> - BBC bitesize transition - more links at bottom of page.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/tips-for-starting-secondary-school/> Tips for children starting secondary school.

<https://rediscoveryofme.com/starting-secondary-school/> - tips for parents

A google search of "starting secondary school" reveals a range of articles/blogs/websites that share many of the concerns that parents and children may be having

Contact details of secondary schools:

Here are links to the Merton Secondary schools – some have transition resources that may be useful regardless of the secondary school you are going to. You can of course contact the secondary schools for more information of open days etc.

Local Secondary Schools

Harris Academy Merton	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=eMmGHEG7das
Raynes Park High School	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=KrYqYi4iaMc
Ursuline High School	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=vFHgFwsptRA
Harris Academy Morden	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=dVQ6WqtYNxl
Harris Academy Wimbledon	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=hC2b8vxiuaq
Ricards Lodge High School	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=qg_hJNvXRV4
Rutlish School	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=t-izSkEAMU
Wimbledon College	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=VL0XfDDohQ8
St Mark's Church of England Academy	https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/service.page?id=PTd1KI2yJVU

Special Educational Needs:

If your child has SEN and in particular an EHCP, you may wish to read the SEN materials in the link below.

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/special-educational-needs-service>

Also, if your child has had an EHCP parents should contact Fran Turko from at Merton Special Education Needs Information, Advice and Support Services (MIASS): miass@merton.gov.uk
We prepare our SEN children for secondary school by working closely with the SEN team at the new school and planning activities that are relevant to each individual child.

How to apply for a place at a Merton Secondary School:

Here you will find information about applying for secondary school in Merton, including deadlines for application etc.

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>