

HURWORTH SCHOOL

Transition Booklet



Moving from Primary to Secondary School is an exciting, but sometimes scary time! A new building, new rules, new teachers, new routines and new friends are just some of the changes you will experience but this booklet will help you get used to some of the routines and features of your new school!



All About Me

Draw a self portrait here.



Name:

Birthday:

My Primary School:

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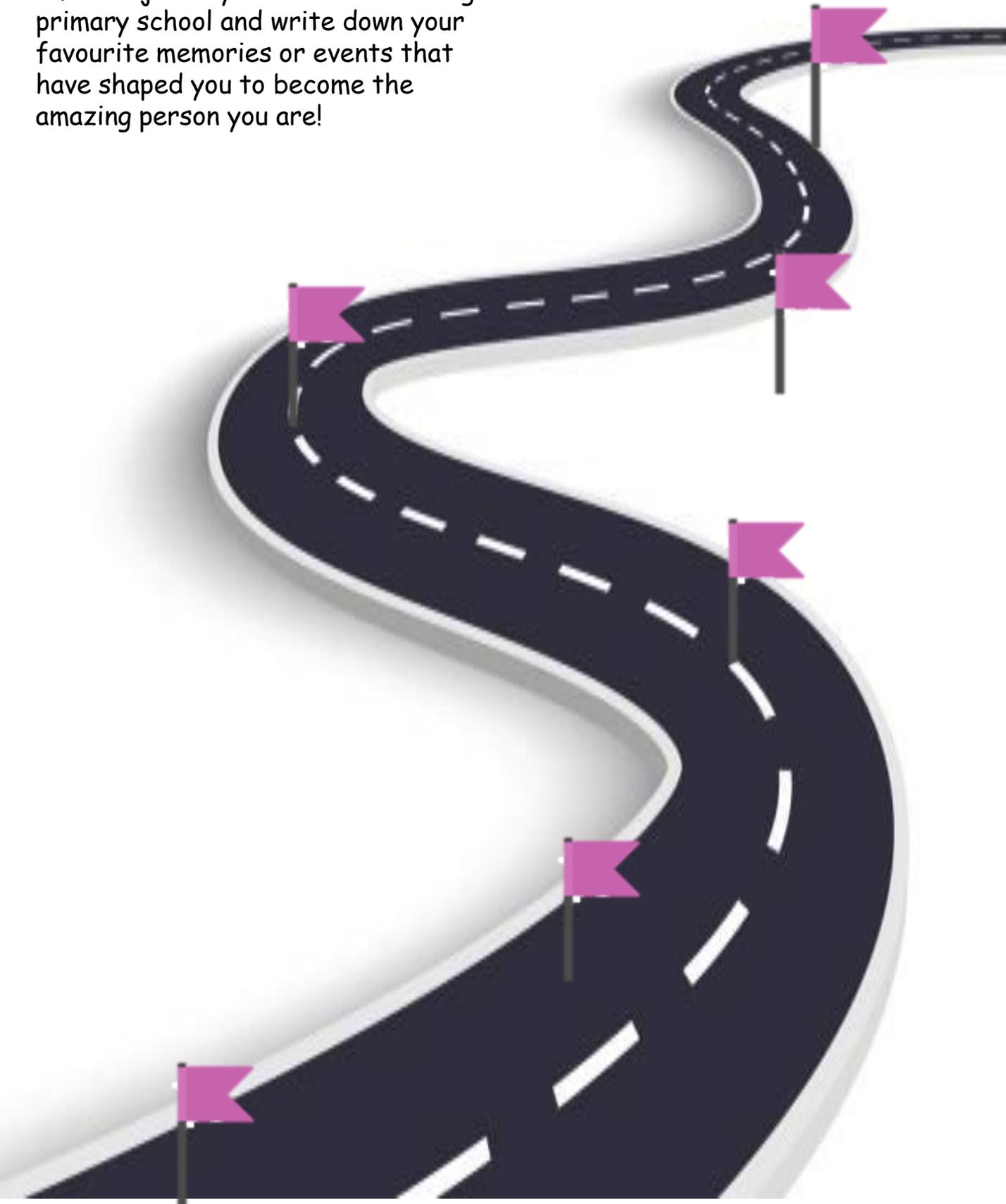
Hair Colour:

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Favourite Colour	
Favourite Animal	
If I could have a superpower, I'd...	
Favourite School Subject	
Best place I've ever been to...	
Dream country to visit...	
If I could travel back in time, I'd go to...	
My dream job is...	

My Journey So Far...

Life is a journey! Think back through primary school and write down your favourite memories or events that have shaped you to become the amazing person you are!



My New School

Full Name of the School	
School Address	
School Telephone Number	
Name of the Head Teacher	
School Starts at	
School Finishes at	
I will get to school by	
How long will it take me to get to school?	
What time will I have to leave home?	

Add 10 words around the image below to describe your new school .



Moving to Your New School

- List 4 things you are most excited about moving to Hurworth School.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- List 4 things you are a little worried or nervous about.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- List 4 things you would like to know about Hurworth School.
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 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- List 4 things that will help you when moving to Hurworth School.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- List 4 differences between your primary school and Hurworth School.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

Find the subjects below in the Word search – they are vertical, horizontal and diagonal!

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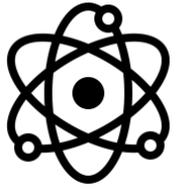
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 English
 Science
 Geography
 History
 Art
 Music
 PE
 Drama

Dance
 Textiles
 Catering
 Computing
 Spanish
 Assembly
 Tutor Time

Match up the subject to the correct icon



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English



Science

Geography



History

Art



Music

PE

Drama

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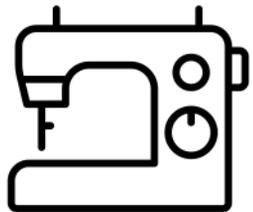
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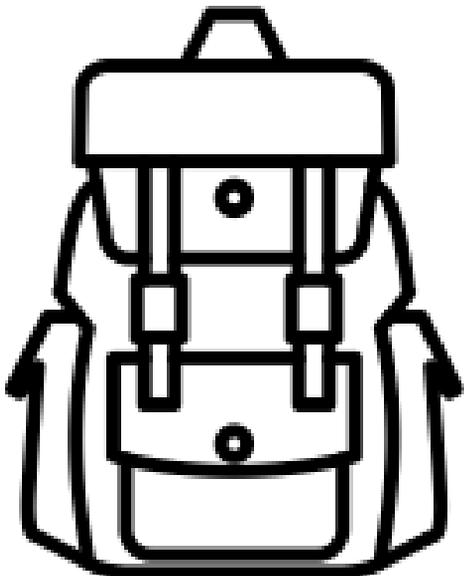
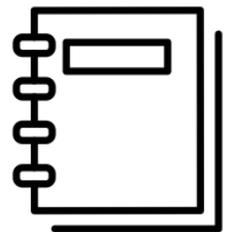
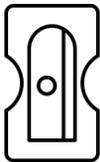
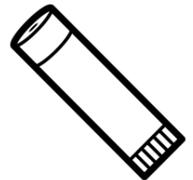
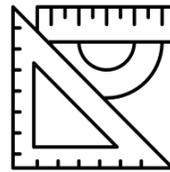
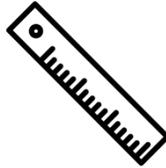
Spanish

Tutor Time



Equipment

At secondary school, you will be moving around to different classrooms for different lessons. You could be in 7 classrooms in one day. This means that you need to bring all the equipment you will require with you for the day. You can keep larger items such as your PE kit in your locker, however you can only go to your locker before school, at break and lunchtime and at the end of the day. Below are some items you will need to bring - can you identify them and add anything else?



School Uniform

One of the different things about moving to secondary school is the change in what you will wear. At Hurworth School, we pride ourselves in looking smart and professional at all times.

Why is wearing the correct school uniform important?

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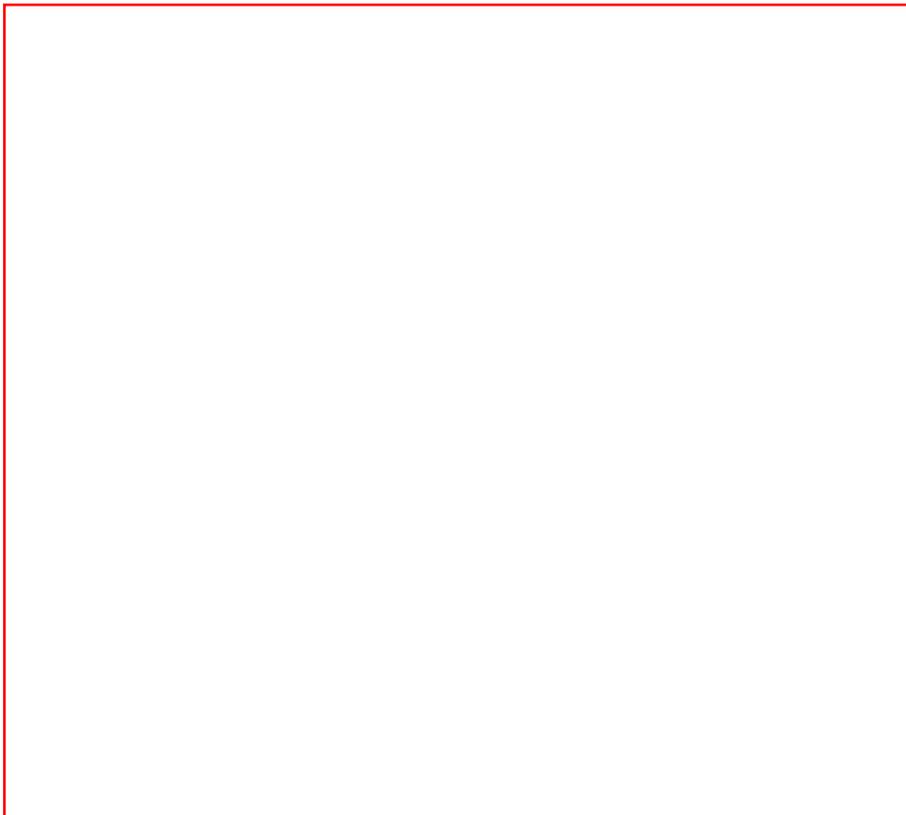
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Can you draw a picture of yourself in your new Hurworth uniform?



Getting to Hurworth School

Getting to Hurworth School safely is just as important as being there. In the box below, draw the route you are going to take to school (whether that's walking, cycling, driving or by bus). Identify spots where there could be hazards (e.g. busy roads) and explain how you will manage this safely!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin purple border, intended for a student to draw their route to school and identify potential hazards.

Our Values and Expectations

The way we choose to conduct ourselves, the way that we behave towards other people, and the way that we behave in our lessons is all part of Hurworth values.

We expect our students to show respect towards each other and to every member of staff at all times.

These are some of the ways you can do this. Can you think of any more?

Turning up on time to lessons

Working successfully as part of a team

Being respectful of other peoples beliefs

Having your shirt tucked in neatly

Contributing to lessons

High level of respect shown to all

Saying good morning to people as you pass

Supporting others

Holding the door open for a teacher

Having a pen, pencil and ruler in lesson

Consistent punctuality over the whole year

Acting as an ambassador role

Going above and beyond with your work

Staying calm if something goes wrong

Being respectful to other staff and students

Sitting with someone who is alone at lunch

Apologising if you have done something hurtful

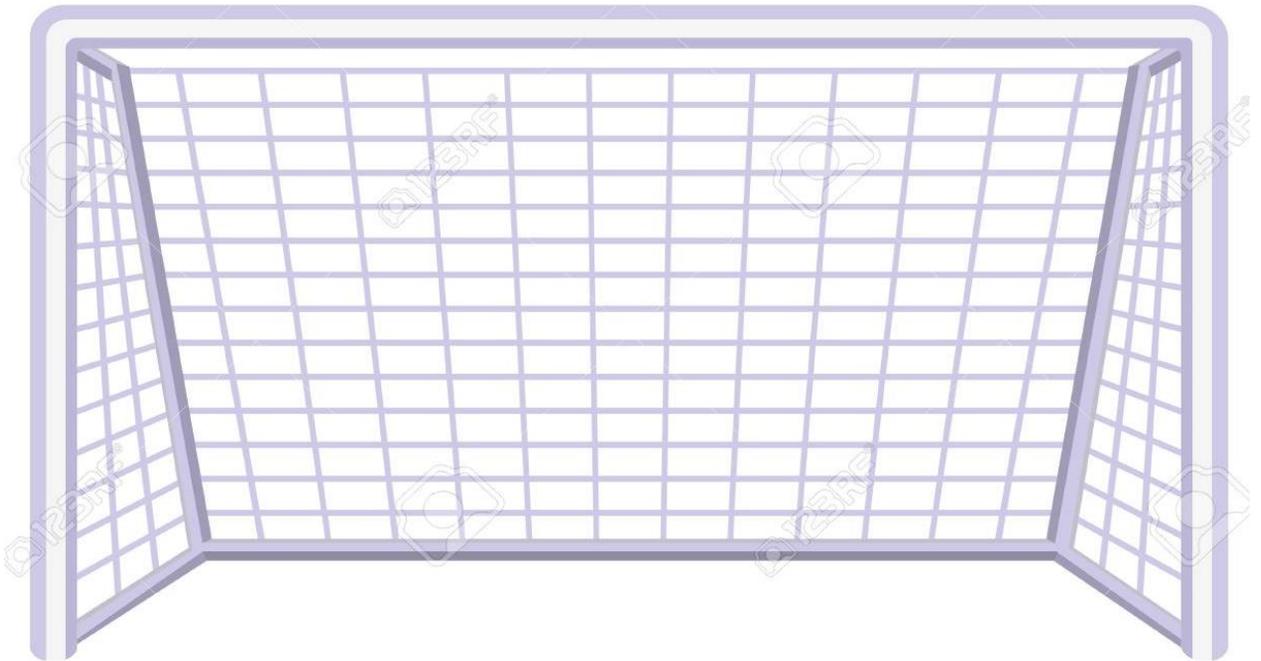
Giving someone a compliment

Remembering your homework

Asking for help when needed

My Goals for Secondary School

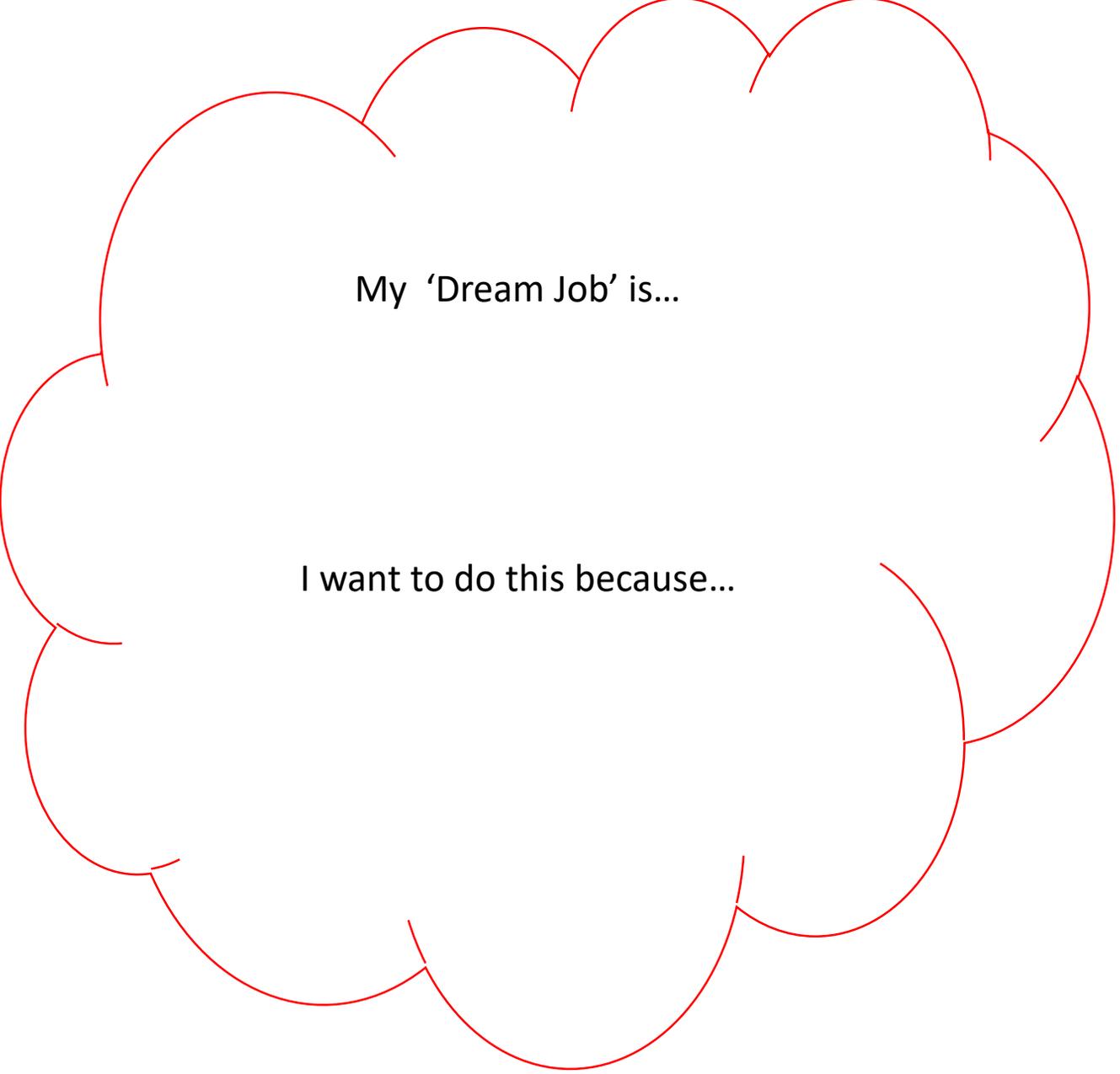
When you go to Secondary School, you will learn a huge number of new skills, and improve skills you have practiced in Primary School. In the goal below, use the list to write in 10 new skills or things you'd like to build on in your years at Secondary School.



Be in a school play or production	Speak another language	Represent your school in a national competition
Learn to play a musical instrument	Volunteer in the local community	Travel to another country
Play for a school team	Learn how to survive in the wild	Take care of the school garden
Learn how to manage money	Taste food from another country	Walk the school dog
Cook a new meal from scratch	Read new books	Take part in a fancy dress day
Create a piece of art	Raise money for charity	Become Head Boy or Girl
Learn how to read a map	Join an after school club	Learn to dance
Use computers to create your own website	Learn First Aid	Improve your singing
Make new friends from other schools	Work as part of a team	Try camping

Beyond Secondary School

After secondary school, you can move onto college or an apprenticeship and then to University or into a job! It's normal not to know what you want to do yet but this is a chance for you to have a think about your dream jobs!



My 'Dream Job' is...

I want to do this because...

If you're still a little anxious, here are some wise words from our current Year 7 students.

Hello my name's Tom. I started Hurworth last September. I was very nervous and worried about everything how was I going to cope, find my way around the school, make new friends and lots of other things. Well it wasn't as bad as I thought. The teachers are lovely and very helpful and are good at sorting things out. I love going to Hurworth and have made lots of new friends. I will look out for you when you start in September as I would like to be able to help you settle in.

Secondary school is honestly nothing to panic about, everyone there is kind and respectful, if you need help getting to classes there's always someone there. In secondary there's a lot more opportunities, and you get a lot more trust and freedom. Everyone from your primary school is (mostly) in one form, so you can go with your friends to classes, breaks, and sit with them in form. All of the teachers are very friendly, and will help you become the best you can be. In secondary school, you may lose friends, but you will gain a lot more! If you come here by yourself, you get grouped into forms with people in the same situation. Secondary school is a new experience, which can be scary, but it's good knowing that you will go through it with amazing people, and come out an even more amazing person.

- Carley

You are most likely scared to start at a new school without being able to have a transition but it is nothing to worry about. Hurworth is amazing, the teachers are all really friendly and kind and there are lots of opportunities for you. I was nervous, but once you get familiar with things it's fine. I am really enjoying Hurworth and I am sure you will too.

Megan

Dear future year 7's,

Moving schools can be hard, and you may find it hard at first, but after your first week you will get used to it. The school I came from was a very small school, and it took me a little while to get used to a bigger school and I still have little wobbles, but all the teachers and staff at Hurworth are so supportive and really nice. You will 100% get used to it and adapt. In every School you usually get that one teacher that you might think is particularly mean but every single one of the staff at Hurworth school is so nice and will help you the whole way from years 7 through 11. My favourite lessons are the creative ones like art, D&T, computing and English. Coming to Hurworth school was honestly, the best decision I've ever made! I hope that you will make the decision to come here and I look forward to seeing you all!

Jenna

My advice from experience is just to be yourself. when I first came to secondary school I just stayed with the people that I knew from Primary. When you go to your classes more every day you get use to knowing where they are. You do make new friends like I have from being in different classes. you also get used to getting on the bus if they do go on it and that's how I met some of my friends and also in form. If they do need help getting to classes and getting use to the time table and other school stuff, they should know that we will help them if they need use.

Niamh

My advice is not to worry and just stay calm. If they are worried or scared, they can ask anyone for help. We could help them find their way round the school or even be their friends. They can ask us any questions they want. I struggled at the start but you have to get used to it. The rush and shoving, moving classrooms for nearly every lesson and finding my way around was the hardest. Just enjoy the new change and try to settle in.

Hollie

My Primary School wasn't local to where I lived, so majority of my friends didn't start at Hurworth with me. My first day was kind of nerve wracking but by the end of the day, I had really enjoyed it.

I prefer Secondary school more than Primary School now. I've made great new friends and I have really settled, it doesn't take long. I really enjoy the work more too.

Yeah there is the older kids, majority are absolutely fine but I would say if you come across any that might bother you, don't take it personally, just shrug it off and ignore them. This is just part of life in secondary school just be yourself and you'll soon settle in

Lucas

My advice is just to be yourself. That was my worry when I came to Hurworth, but if people don't accept you for who you are then they are not worth it. I know it is hard coming to a new school were everything is new and scary but stay calm, do your best and behave. Another tip from experience is that don't get upset about grades if you know you have tried your best then no-one can ask any more of you but if you know you haven't tried your best well take it as a learning curve, next time try your best. Also if any one is shy like me and finds it hard to ask questions like where places are just know that it is ok to ask questions especially in lessons. No one expects you to know everything and things are going to get hard but no matter what stay safe in the knowledge that there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

Chloe

I think the best advice for the year 6's is to not worry. I had lots of anxiety coming to a new school but when I got here it wasn't that bad I think most of the time when we move into a new environment it can seem weird and scary but when you think about it it's not all it is a school like when you go to town there's all different people big and small but you take it as the norm that's like secondary it may be weird because you have gone from being the oldest kids to the youngest again but when you get there it's not as bad just remember #staysafe

Jessica

My advice is to stay calm, don't be afraid to ask for help or if anything has happened don't be afraid to either tell your form tutor or Miss Pitchford. Slowly start to develop your friend group and enjoy getting to know new people! Secondary school seems tough, hard and scary but trust me it isn't! You will have amazing kind teachers that will help you in lessons or anything that happens. Don't worry. Kacy

My advice is just stay calm and be relaxed secondary school is pretty much primary school I also know it feels hard to leave friends, but you can make wonderful new ones. BTW if friends stop caring about you it's likely they aren't your friend anymore so you have to let it go. that is a hard pill you have to take small ones. 😞

I know from personal experience that coming to secondary school is scary and overwhelming. I came to school only knowing one person and now I have loads of friends. I barely even speak to the person I came with anyway -which just shows how easy it is to make new friends. There are so many people in your position who are just as nervous as you are even though they might not show it. My best piece of advice is to just be yourself because, even if you do not find them straight away, there will always be someone like you, who will like you for being you. It can be hard making friends, but there are different places that are full of people- like Room 20, your Form and Sets- who will want to be friends with you.

Everyone is in the same boat and everyone at school is so lovely, helpful, and welcoming and are always willing to show you the way. There is no need to be nervous because going to secondary is so much fun.

Isabella