

# **MOVING UP**

Activities to complete with your family over the transition to Secondary School



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#### YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

As your Head of Year, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to Ysgol Cwm Brombil.

September will soon be upon us and you will be joining our new and exciting school. I hope that you are looking forward to your time at Ysgol Cwm Brombil as much as I am looking forward to supporting, monitoring and guiding you in all that you do, and making sure that Year 7 will be the best year group!



Mrs. J. Tomkins - Head of Year 7

There will be plenty of learning opportunities for you at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, be it through classroom activities or lunchtime and afterschool clubs, such as the School council, Eco clubs, sporting clubs to name but a few.

I will support you in all aspects of your learning and will be encouraging you to participate in and contribute to school life in full.

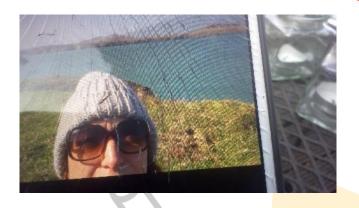
At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, you are expected to be polite, well-mannered and respectful, always giving your very best, each and every day.

If you have any concerns or worries, I will be here to listen and help you overcome any problems you may have.

Other people who can help you are:

- Mr. Clarke Headteacher
- Mr. Burden Deputy Headteacher
- Mr. Thomas Deputy Headteacher
- Ms. Curson Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs. Burton Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs. Williams Senior Teacher
- Your Form Tutor
- Miss Mason Year 7 Engagement Officer
- Mrs Loveys Student Support

I am really looking forward to the exciting times that lie ahead of you in September, and I am sure it will be a fantastic and enjoyable adventure for us all.



## **Mrs Tomkins**

I am a teacher in Ysgol Cwm Brombil.
I am the Head of Year 7.
I am married with two children

#### What I like/important to me:

Going out with my friends
Running.
My family and my dog.
Learning new things.
Having a tidy office.
I love eating out.
Being on time.
I love Harry Potter!
I love Christmas.
Learning new things.
Spending time chatting and learning all about people.
Yoga – it helps me relax.
Visiting the beach.

#### How best to support me:

Always tell me if there is something wrong.

Tell me things in advance, as I do not like missing things.

Follow the expected behaviour.

Make sure I know your name!

Smile and say hello.

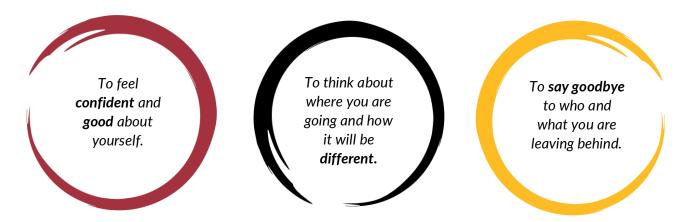
Be kind to each other.



#### You are now on a journey into Secondary School!

For any journey, you need to lots of preparation – planning how to get there, what to wear and what to take.

In addition, it is important:



It is a journey not just for you but also for your family and it will mean changes for them too.

This pack has some activities to help before you start at Ysgol Cwm Brombil – the 'Getting ready' pack.

Talk to your family about the activities.

You will need to bring the pack with you on your first day so it can be used in form time.



#### **ACTIVITY 3 - KEEPING SAFE**

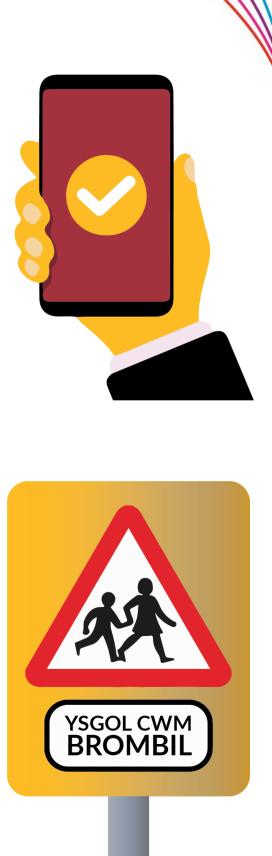
Your safety is very important and will be one of the things your family will worry about.

Agree together what your rules will be to make sure you are safe and healthy.

#### Think about:

- Crossing roads
- Cars seeing you easily
- When you'll get home
- Who will be at home
- Texting or ringing your family so they know you are OK
- Going to other people's houses after school
- Going to the park
- If you're late
- Buying sweets or fizzy drinks
- Using the internet





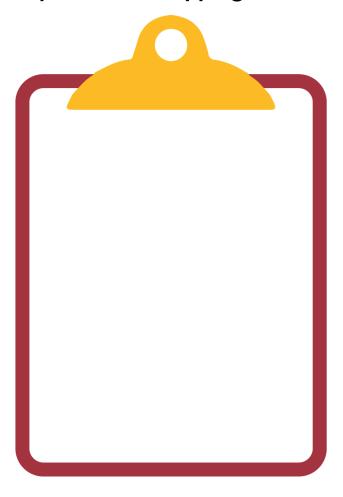
#### **Getting Organised - Uniform**

Schools have different uniforms for lots of different reasons. It shows other people which school you go to, saves having to decide what to wear each school day!

Look together at the information on the next page and in the parent handbook.

#### **ACTIVITY 4 - UNIFORM CHECKLIST**

#### My uniform shopping list....



For some subjects you may need special items or kit. What extras would you need for:

P.E

Maths

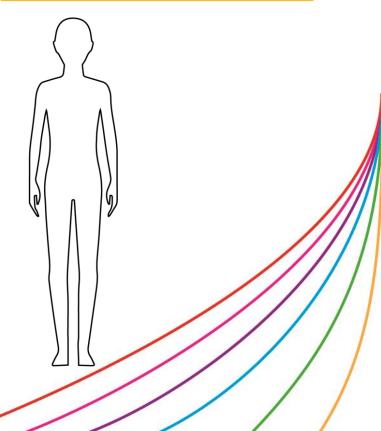
Art

Ask your parents/carers or other family members about what they wore to school. Do they have any photos they can show you?

Do they have any funny stories they can tell you about their uniform?

My \_\_\_\_\_ wore...

(Write or draw a diagram)



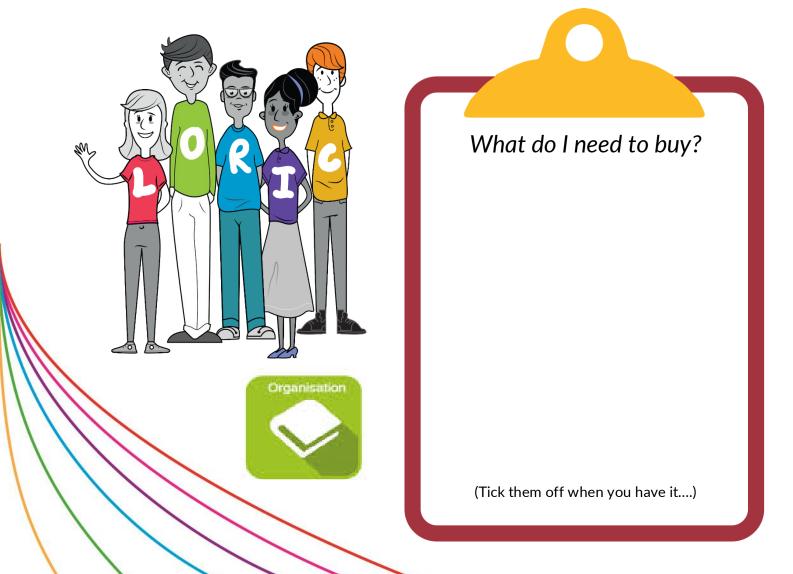
#### Getting organised: Equipment

What you need to take to secondary school will be different from Primary school – you may also need a bigger bag as you will be carrying lots of things around with you as you move to different class rooms.

#### **Activity 5**

Which of these objects will you need (and be allowed) to take to Ysgol Cwm Brombil? Circle the ones you think – you can check in September if you are not sure. No one will expect you to have all the right things in the first week.







#### **Year 7 Suggestions**



Boy & Going Solo - Roald Dahl Wonder - R.J Palacio

The Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson

Apple & Rain - Sarah Crossan

Cirque du Freak - Darren Shan

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

Stone Cold - Robert Swindells

War Horse—Michael Morpurgo

The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas—John Boyne

Watership Down - Richard Adams

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole—Sue Townsend

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman

His Dark Materials—Phillip Pullman

Percy Jackson series - Rick Riordan

Artemis Foul series - Eoin Colfer

Framed—Frank Cotrell Boyce

Narnia series - C.S Lewis

Diary of a Wimpy Kid collection - Jeff Kinney

All titles - David Walliams

# ACTIVITY 5 - READING CHALLENGES

A series of challenges and tasks based on your most recent book:

Write a series of diary entries as one of the characters, explaining your thoughts and feelings during key events

Design a new front and back cover (including a blurb) for the book

Write an alternative ending for the story—what do you think should have happened?

Research the author and create a fact file explaining their life, work and background

Write a list of questions you would like to ask the author—tweet them if you can find them on twitter.

Write about your favourite part of the book and explain why you liked it so much.

Create a new character for the book—draw them and write a paragraph introducing them to the story.

Choose your favourite character—write a review of the character explaining why you like them.

Design an advertising poster for the book, persuading your peers to read it.



#### **POINTS MEAN PRIZES**

#### **Reading Expectations**

## One of your English lessons will be a library lesson Here is what we expect of you:

- Independent reading for at least 30 minutes per day
- You can choose any book that is within your range from the school's extensive library collection
- You must finish at least one book within a four week period

#### Points mean prizes:

- <sup>1</sup> Most library books have points allocated to them
- ② Each time you finish a book you will take a quiz and earn points
  - These points go towards your termly points target
    - 2 Hit your target and earn achievement points
  - You will also earn stars which add up to termly prizes
  - We also have an annual Reading Reward Trip for those who consistently reach their targets

#### **Previous Trips:**

**London Dungeons** 

**West End Theatre** 

**Harry Potter Studios** 

## Maths Keywords





sum of increase add enlarge plus and more raise altogether





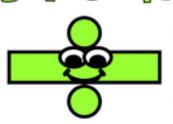
minus
decrease
subtract
take away
fewer
less
difference

### Multiplication



lots of groups sets of times multiply product of

#### DIVISION



divide share goes in to split between distribute

#### **Essential Equipment**

2 Black Biros (just in case one runs out)

2 Pencils

Ruler (a clear 30cm Rule is best)

Rubber

Sharpener

Highlighter

**Compass** 

**Protractor** 

**Scientific Calculator** 

(The school recommends the Casio calculator)

Optional Extra: Coloured pens

# Maths Challenge Question – Activity 6

The sum of four whole numbers is 23.

The difference between the smallest and the largest number is 6.

All four numbers are different.

What could the four numbers be?

Extra Challenge: Find all the possible

answers to this question.

## **Addition**

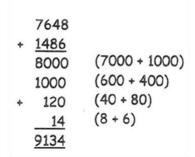
#### Method 1: Usual method

Carrying from one column to the next starting with the units



#### Method 2: Significant digits

Adding the thousands, hundreds, tens and units separately.



There is no need to 'carry' at all using this method

## Subtraction

#### Method 1: Usual method

In this method we borrow from the next column.

#### Method 2: Counting on

In this method, we gradually add to the lower number.

6467 - 2684

start with 2684, then add to get the nearest hundred, add to get the nearest thousand and then add to get 6467

#### Rewrite as

Therefore 6467 - 2684 = 3783

## Multiplication

## **Short Multiplication Method 1: Usual Method**

set out as 127 ×6

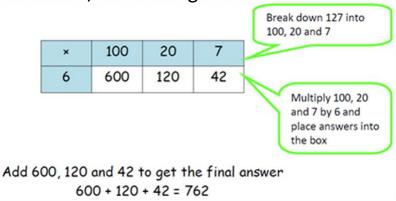
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Lastly, work out  $1 \times 6$ (or  $100 \times 6$ ) and add on the carry of 1 (or 100) to make 7 (or 700). Place 7 in the box in the hundreds column 1<sup>st</sup> work out 7 × 6 = 42 Write down the 2 units in the box and carry the 4 tens under the tens column

Next work out  $2 \times 6 = 12$  (or  $20 \times 6$ ) you need to add on the carry of 4 (or 40) to make 16 (or 160). Place 6 (or 6 tens) in the box in the tens column and carry the 1(or 100) in the hundreds column

#### Method 2: Grid Method

In this method we break down the numbers as sides of a rectangle. The area of the rectangle is the answer to the multiplication.



## Division

#### **Short Division**

Example 1: 29 ÷ 3

This is asking how many lots of 3 are in 29.

There are 9 lots of 3 in 29 and a remainder of 2.

This is because  $9 \times 3 = 27$  and there is a difference of 2 between 27 and 29.

We often write a division calculation as  $\frac{9}{3}$  remainder 2

Example 2: 3269 ÷ 7

We set this up as  $7)3^32^46^49$  answer = 467

#### Method

- 1<sup>st</sup> divide 3 by 7 which is 0 remainder 3.
- Write 0 in the answer space and carry the remainder of 3 which has not been used to the 2 to make it 32.
- Next divide 32 by 7 which is 4 remainder 4.
- Write 4 in the answer space and carry the remainder of 4 to the 6 to make it 46.
- Now divide 46 by 7 which is 6 remainder 4.
- Write 6 in the answer space and carry the remainder of 4 to the 9 to make it 49.
- Lastly divide 49 by 7 which is 7.
- Write 7 in the answer space. There is no remainder so we do not have to write remainder 0.

## Times tables

#### The teaching sequence

Learning times tables in order by rote, through chanting music, copying out etc.

using the full tables fact

e.g. 
$$1 \times 6 = 6$$
,  $2 \times 6 = 12$ .....

Learning times tables out of order.

Understanding the division facts that relate to multiplications and vice versa:

So 
$$8 \div 4 = 2$$
 and  $8 \div 2 = 4$ 

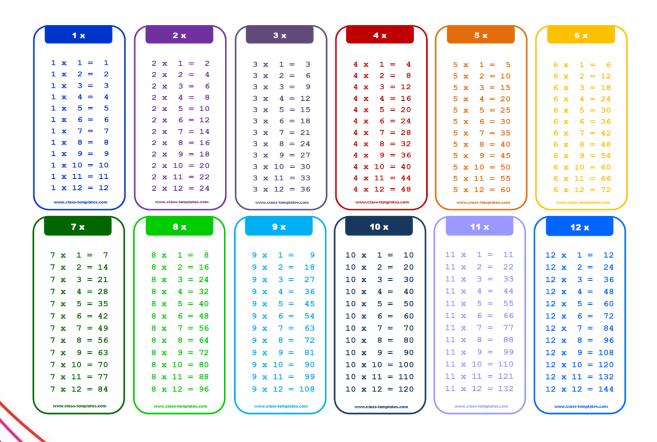
Also using the inverse (opposite) operation to work out an answer:

OR

so  $18 \div 3 = \underline{6}$  so  $18 \div 6 = \underline{3}$ 

Apply multiplication and division facts to **real life problems**. This is ultimately the purpose of learning times tables.

## All times tables should be known securely before starting secondary school.



#### **ACTIVITY 6** - Let us practise using a timetable

#### WEEK 1

|                               | Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday      | Thursday         | Friday         |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| F<br>8.30am - 8.40am          |                |                |                |                  |                |
| Assembly<br>8.45am – 8.55am   |                |                |                |                  |                |
| Lesson 1<br>9am – 10am        | Spanish<br>C6  | Art<br>B11     | PiXL<br>B41    | Geography<br>B25 | Drama<br>A41   |
| Break<br>10am - 10.15am       |                |                |                |                  |                |
| Lesson 2<br>10.15am – 11.15am | English<br>B31 | French<br>C5   | Welsh<br>C3    | Music<br>A3      | DT<br>B20      |
| Lesson 3<br>11.15am – 12.15pm | Science<br>C20 | RS<br>B4       | Science<br>C11 | Maths<br>C22     | DT<br>B20      |
| Lunch<br>12.15pm - 1pm        |                |                |                |                  |                |
| Lesson 4<br>1pm - 2pm         | Maths<br>C22   | Science<br>C18 | ICT<br>C36     | English<br>B31   | Maths<br>C22   |
| Lesson 5<br>2pm – 3pm         | PE<br>A16      | English<br>B31 | History<br>B22 | Welsh<br>C3      | English<br>B31 |
| After School<br>3pm - 4pm     |                |                |                |                  |                |

#### WEEK 2

|   | Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday        | Thursday       | Friday       |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| F<br>8.30am - 8.40am<br>Assembly          |                |                |                  |                |              |
| 8.45am - 8.55am<br>Lesson 1<br>9am - 10am | French<br>C5   | Art<br>B11     | RS<br>B4         | History<br>B22 | ICT<br>C36   |
| Break<br>10am - 10.15am                   |                |                |                  |                |              |
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| Lesson 5<br>2pm - 3pm                     | PE<br>A16      | Maths<br>C22   | Music<br>A3      | PiXL<br>B41    | PE<br>A16    |
| After School<br>3pm - 4pm                 |                |                |                  |                |              |

- 1. What lesson is last on Tuesday week 1?
- 2. What is lesson 3 on Wednesday Week 2?
- 3. What days is there P.E?
- 4. When will I have break time?
- 5. What lesson is first thing on Friday Week 1?

#### **ACTIVITY 8 - Primary School Memories**

Take a trip down memory lane with your family and friends. It is important when you have a big change ahead to think about what you are leaving behind on your journey – it is a big thing to leave primary school. Hunt out drawings, photos, certificates, awards, and any other evidence of your life at primary school.

## Remembering together....Ask your family to help you....

- What trips, events and activities do you remember?
- What roles have you had in primary school?
- What lessons have you enjoyed the most/least?
- Who have been your best friends in primary school?
- Who were your favourite teachers and helpers?
- What is your favourite memory?
- Can you think of a time that made you laugh?
- What was your proudest moment?

#### Task:

Can you make a collage, ICT presentation or scrapbook of your memories so you share with your new form?

#### **Teaching and Learning at Ysgol Cwm Brombil**

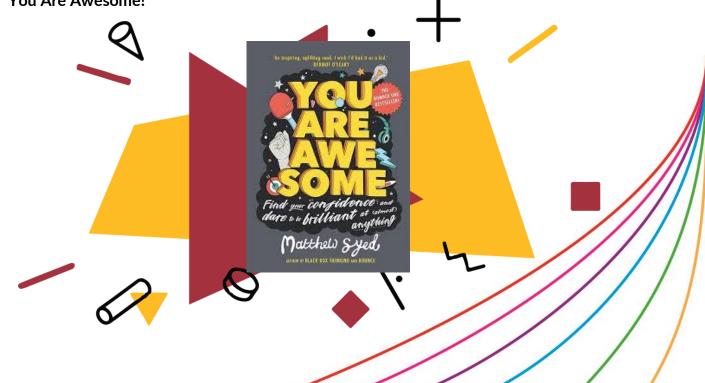
One of the biggest differences in Year 7 will be having a different teacher – and being in a

different room -for each subject.

This is an **exciting** way to learn but it can seem quite scary at first. Whatever the subject though, you will find that each of your teachers will do the **10** things below. The fact that these **10 Principles** take place in **all subjects** means that they will **help you to learn** in the **best possible way** in all of your classes.

- 1. Each lesson will be **calm and purposeful**. Your teacher will greet you at the door and give you an activity to complete as soon as you arrive. This is a **Tasc Tanio** or **Bell Task**.
- 2. Your teacher will always tell you what you are learning at the start of each lesson. This is the **lesson aim**. You will check that you have achieved this aim at the end of each lesson.
- 3. You will see many examples of good work so you know what to aim for. Your teachers will also show you how to achieve high standards of work. This is **modelling.**
- 4. You will need to be prepared to **ask and answer questions** and take part in lots of **discussions**. Sometimes these will be with a partner, in small groups or as a whole class.
- 5. You will be expected **to read** in each subject. Sometimes you will read individually, sometimes in pairs or groups and sometimes as a whole class.
- 6. You will be expected to **learn new vocabulary** and to use this vocabulary in your own talking and writing.
- 7. You will be expected to **write** in all of your subjects.
- 8. Your teacher will tell you what is good about your work and what you need to do to improve. Teachers will do this as in class discussions and when they mark your books. You will need to make sure you act on this feedback to improve.
- 9. You will learn how the brain works and how it learns in the best way. That way you can make your brainwork harder!

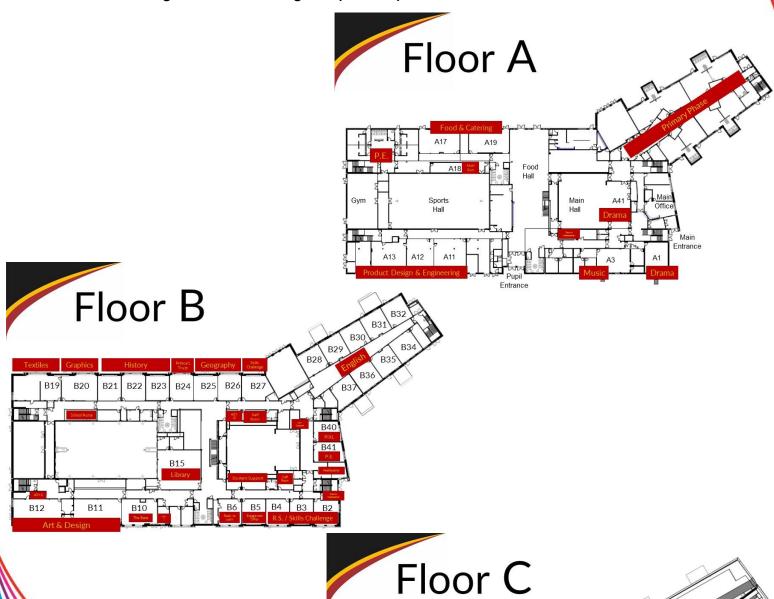
10. Learning is a challenge. This means that sometimes it is difficult. You will learn how to develop your Mindset so that you can enjoy challenge and not be put off. You will learn that You Are Awesome!



#### **ACTIVITY 9**

#### How well do I know Ysgol Cwm Brombil?

- 1. Where will I come into school?
- 2. Which floor are the Year 7 form rooms?
- 3. Where will I eat my lunch?
- 4. Who is my Head of Year?
- 5. Where will I go first on my first day?
- 6. Who is the Headteacher of Ysgol Cwm Brombil?
- 7. Name 3 things I will need to bring on my first day.



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#### **ACTIVITY 10**

#### Timeline: My Journey from Year 6 to Year 7

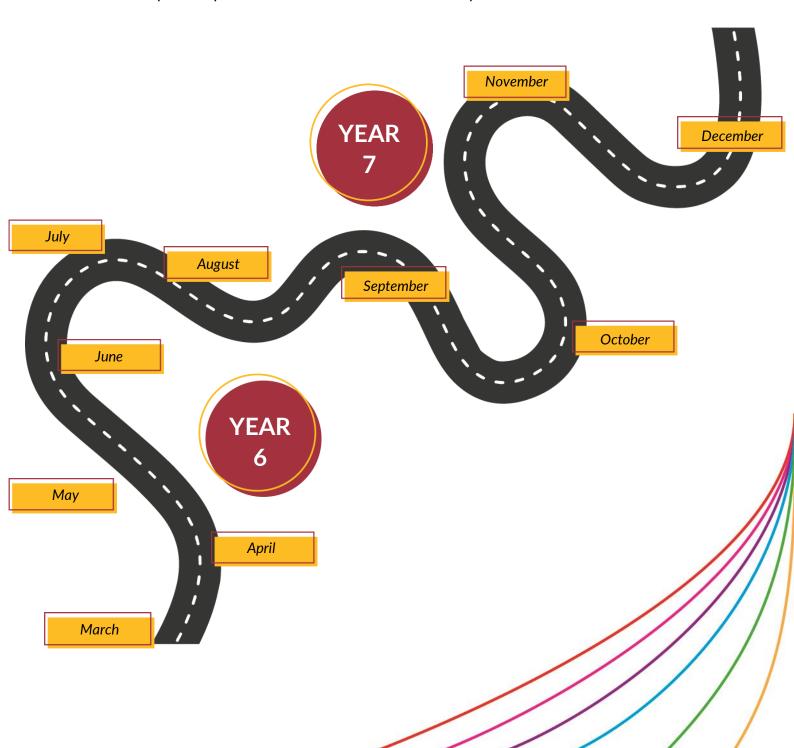
#### Thinking about Year 6 and Year 7 to come...

What has been happening most recently and what are your hopes?

On the timeline below, write down specific events or things that have happened since March when you found out about coming to YCB. What has happened at home (during lockdown) and how you felt about it?

Now think about anything you know will happen over the next couple of months.

You will complete September to December in YCB when you start.



#### **ACTIVITY 11 - Routines**

Your routine will change when you start secondary school. Talk together and try and work out what your new routine will look like.

Fill in your routine for a school day (roughly) – write down what you will do and whenon the digital clocks below.

| My daily routine          | (you can write your own routine if you prefer) |     |
|---------------------------|--|-----|
| Time to wake up           |  | •   |
| Washing                   |  | • • |
| Getting dressed           |  | :   |
| Breakfast                 |  | • • |
| Brushing teeth            |  | :   |
| Leaving for school        |  | • • |
| Arrive at school          |  | •   |
| End of school day         |  | • • |
| After school clubs/sports |  | • • |
| Arrive home               |  | :   |
| Homework                  |  | •   |
| Evening meal              |  | :   |
| Lesuire/family time       |  | •   |
| Get bag ready             |  | :   |
| Brushing teeth            |  | •   |
| Bedtime                   |  | :   |

Some top routine tips......follow and you can't go wrong!

- Make sure all your belongings have your name on.
- Pack your bag the night before always use your timetable to help you.
- Use your YCB planner always have it on you in school.
- Set the alarm clock leaving enough time to have breakfast, make sure you are clean, and smart wearing the correct uniform.
- Leave the house in plenty of time for your journey to school.



#### **ACTIVITY 12 - Keeping healthy and safe**

#### Can you make a poster about keeping healthy and safe?

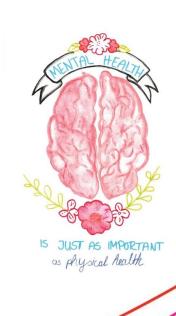
These will be displayed around school in the new term – so they need to be colourful and bright with a clear message on them.

You can choose any theme or message eg. Eating, exercise, Internet safety, road safety, talking to strangers.....

You can create your poster by hand or using ICT . You can send it to your year 6 teacher and they can send them to Mrs.Tomkins in YCB.







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