



# Twickenham School



# TRANSITION WORK BOOK

It may seem a long way off now but you will soon begin thinking about the big move to Twickenham School. Changing Schools should be exciting but you might also feel a bit nervous. It will involve a lot of changes and new experiences for you in September.

This is Twickenham School's Workbook and you can use it both at school and at home. It will hopefully explain a lot about secondary school and answer some of your questions as well as help to prepare you for all the changes.

All of us here at Twickenham School hope that you will enjoy all the different activities in the book. Once you've finished, you will receive a well-deserved certificate. Good luck!

# Transition Workbook

Find a photo of yourself in your primary school uniform and stick it here.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary school I attend:**

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# Finding out about my new school



Fill in this fact sheet with information that you already know or use the school website.

The name of my new school is \_\_\_\_\_

The address is \_\_\_\_\_

The telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the Head teacher is \_\_\_\_\_

School starts at \_\_\_\_\_ School finishes at \_\_\_\_\_

How will I get to school? **car/bus/walk/bike/train** (please circle the right one)

What time will I leave home to get to school on time? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the date of my first day at Twickenham School? \_\_\_\_\_

# Twickenham School Questionnaire

**Name:**

**Primary School:**

1. What do you think it will be like at your new school?

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2. What things would you like to find out about your new school?

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3. List 3 things you are looking forward to:

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. List three things you think you might need help with

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

# Preparation Worksheets

-Finding your way around

-School map

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-Meeting new people

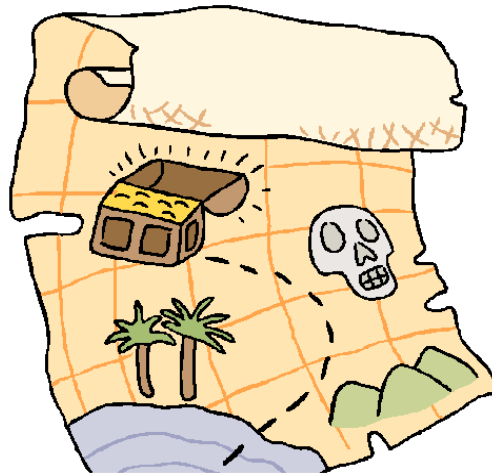
-Making friends

## Finding your way around.....

Most Year 6 students feel a little scared about going to a school which is much bigger than their primary school. They feel worried about getting lost, or being late for a lesson because they are not sure of where the room is.



A map can help because it shows where all the different rooms are and you can easily see the quickest way to get there.



See the map of your new school and stick it in your  
Workbook.

Stick a copy of your map in on these pages I.



Stick a copy of your map in on these pages 2.

Stick a copy of your map in on these pages 3.

## The School Day

One of the first pieces of information you will be given in September will be your **timetable**. It is very important because it not only tells you which lessons you will have that day but also gives you a clue about equipment you will need to pack in your bag the night before.



It also tells you what time each lesson starts and finishes and in which room they will take place. If you haven't got a watch, it might be a good idea to get one to practice telling the time so you get to places on time.



Usually the timetable will also let you know which teacher you will have for each subject. Instead of just one teacher, you will need to get used to lots of different people being in charge of your class. Often, the timetable will have the teachers' initials next to the subject you will be learning.



You will have 6 different lessons every day. These are called Periods and some will be in special rooms. For example, Science will usually take place in the laboratory.



There is also a Whole School Assembly every week,

## School Day Timings

8.30am Registration

8.50am to 9.40am Period 1

9.40am to 10.30am Period 2

10.30am to 10.50am Break

10.50am to 11.40am Period 3

11.40am to 12.30pm Period 4

12.30pm to 1.15pm Lunch

1.15pm to 2.05pm Period 5

2.05pm to 2.55pm Period 6

You need to be in Registration at 8.30am every day, so you should come into school and be in by 8.20am

# Homework!

Homework is a really important part of your learning.

In Year 7 you may start to get a lot more homework than you have been used to. Teachers will be stricter about getting it done and handed in on time too.

## Why is homework important?

Homework is really important because it shows the teacher whether you have understood the work or not. It also means that you can cover more work than the time allowed in lessons.

We also set homework online through Show My Homework (SMHW). You can download this as an app on your phone or computer.



We also have a Homework Club that you should go to because you will get help from the teachers there.

You need to make sure that you really understand all the rules about homework. Below are some questions you could ask your form tutor.

## **HOMEWORK QUESTIONNAIRE**

Here are some questions that you could ask your Form Tutor about homework.



1. How long will I be expected to spend on homework each night?

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2. How will I know what to do?

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3. How long will I have to complete it?

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4. What should I do if I get confused when I am writing the homework instructions in my planner?

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5. What happens if I forget to do it or forget to bring it in?

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6. What should I do if I find the homework too difficult?

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In primary school, most equipment you need is kept in the classroom. At secondary school, you will be expected to have your own pencils and pens and you have to carry these around with you.

There are lots of other things you might need too.

Tick next to the images what you already have.



**You will need  
a green pen**

**You are not allowed  
Tippex in school**

It might seem like an awful lot to remember but try not to worry about it.

You can get your parents to write a list of the things you will need for each day. You could then tick each item off as you pack your bag. Make sure you pack your bag the night before!!

You can write your list here.

What other things do you think you might need?



# School Rules

Why do we have rules?

Every school will have some rules for the classroom, corridors and assembly, as well as rules about homework, break-times and uniform

Can you think of any reasons why schools need rules?

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## Breaking the rules

There will always be consequences for breaking the rules too. So it's not only important to know what the rules are but also what will happen if you don't follow them.

## Apologising

If you do break a rule, it is usually a good idea to admit that you got it wrong and to say sorry.



It might be useful to practice apologising. Look at the scenarios on the next page. In each one a rule has been

broken. With a partner take it in turns to be the annoyed teacher and the pupil who says sorry. It can be hard to keep your cool if you're being told off. Try to remember things will only get worse if you get angry!

Write down as many secondary school rules you may know:

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What might happen if you break the rules?

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What should you do in these situations?



1. You have not done your homework because you didn't write the instructions down properly.....

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2. A teacher tells you off for talking in class but you were just answering your classmate's question.....

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3. You have forgotten a book that you need for a lesson.....

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# Rumours

Most people in your class will probably want to talk about going to secondary school because it's a big step for you all. It's good to talk about all the exciting things ahead of you and it's also good to tell each other about the things you're a bit worried about.



Sometimes though pupils can scare each other unnecessarily because they have listened to rumours about what the school is like.

Look up the word "rumour" in the dictionary and write the definition here:

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Rumours may have an element of truth in them but usually they contain a lot of things which aren't true. It's best to listen to the **facts** that members of staff tell you rather than the **rumours** pupils from the school might tell you.

# Meeting New People

How many people are in your Y6 class?

How many years have you known them?

How many adults are there in the room?



Most children in your class will feel comfortable and happy because they know everyone very well and feel like they belong. Just having one teacher can make you feel safe too. Going to secondary school can be different because you won't know everyone and it may take a bit of time to feel like you belong in your new tutor group

The important thing to remember is that **EVERYONE** will feel the same way and that you're not alone. It's actually a good opportunity to make new friends and learn from adults who have specialised in their particular subject.



I am looking forward to meeting...

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# Making Friends

Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Some pupils find it really easy to get to the top level on a computer game, whilst others never get past Level I. Some pupils have no problems drawing amazing life-like pictures whilst others find it difficult to draw a good stick-man.

It's the same with making friends. Some pupils love meeting new people, are very chatty and make lots of friends easily. Others don't know how to begin to make even one new friend.

Where do you think you are on the friendship scale?

No Idea how to  
make new friends

Quite confident

Looking forward to making lots  
of new friends

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Below are a few hints and tips to help you make a new friend. Why don't you practice with a classmate?

-Smile

-Tell them your name and ask what they're called

-Find out what they are interested in

-Talk about shared interests – you both might like computers

Ask them if they want to do something at break-time

