

GETTING READY FOR YEAR 7

These are ways that you can help yourself to be ready for Year 7. (Thank you to students, teachers and parents of The Blandford School and our primary schools for working together to make this list.)



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Practise changing into PE kit, including tying your own laces for trainers and football boots. If you haven't mastered the skill of tying laces, YouTube has some clear videos to guide you.

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At TBS, you will be expected to have your own pencil case and look after your items well each day. Perhaps you already have one. Maybe you would like to get one now to practise for Year 7. There is information in this pack about what to include.

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It seems to be a growing trend that Year 7 students feel they need a smartphone when they start at our school. However, this is absolutely not the case. A simple non-smartphone—or even no phone at all—is perfectly fine.

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Start talking to people at home about how you are going to get to school and home again. Some students get the bus from the bus stop in school, some walk/scoot/cycle home, some are collected in the Leisure Centre. Who will you walk with? How will your family know you are safe?

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Talk to people at home about your feelings. How do you feel about the move up to Year 7? What are you looking forward to? Is there anything you are worried about? (Nothing is too small.)

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Think about your morning/evening routines and start talking to your family about what this will be like. It is likely that you will have more responsibility for making sure that your uniform is ready and that your bag is packed the night before.

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Most Year 6 students worry about getting lost at TBS. You are not alone! We will be sending a map home to look at over the summer. When Mr Spry visits you, he will talk through the layout of the school. When you come on transfer day, students will take your tutor group round. Before you know it, you will be absolutely fine without a map or guide!

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This could be the most important one: start talking about whether you are going to have hot meals at school or a packed lunch (or maybe a mixture). Remember to eat breakfast! Apparently, it's the most important meal of the day because it means you can concentrate far more in your lessons and keep going until breaktime.

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Read every day. At TBS, we love books and have a great Library. We read every day with our tutors together, out loud and on our own.

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Finally, make sure that you take the opportunities to visit our school and find out more about the place you will soon be calling your 'school home'.

