

Countdown to Year 7

On 2 March you will receive the outcome of your child's Year 7 secondary school application.

Starting secondary school is a key milestone which is both exciting and can understandably lead to feelings of apprehension. Schools are here to work with you to help make your child's transition as smooth as possible. The below information gives key dates and other tips to support secondary transition.



Key Dates

- **2 March** you will be notified the outcome of your school application.
- **16 March** deadline to respond to school offer. If you applied online you can respond using the online Parent Portal.
- **1 July** secondary your child attends Year 7 induction day for all Bristol schools.
- **3 September** start of the new school year. Your child joins their new school.
- Remember to check secondary school start times and dates as some schools will hold inset days at the beginning of the new school year.

What schools will do

- March onwards secondary schools start preparing for children joining them in September.
- Secondary schools hold meetings for new parents either in-person or remotely online.
- Secondary schools may send written information to you either directly or via your child's current school.
- Secondary schools work with your child's current school including visiting your child at their junior/primary school.
- Secondary schools offer a wide range of induction support.

What you can do

- Positively engage with the school your child has been offered a place at by attending new parents events and responding to requests for information.
- Support your child to attend the new Year 7 induction day.
- Discuss with your child's current school any concerns about secondary school.
- Make sure your child has the correct equipment and school uniform for their first day.
- Before the summer holidays make sure you know the date and time your child is due to start school on their first day.
- Practice the route to school during the summer holidays if your child is unsure.
- Make sure your child knows where to go when they arrive at secondary school.



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