



Top Tips for Transitioning to Secondary School

At Buxlow Preparatory School, we understand that Year 6 is a pivotal period for our pupils, marked by significant changes. The transition to secondary school can be both challenging and daunting for children.

Our Year 6 teacher, Mr. Eric Smith, offers his top three tips to help make this move as seamless as possible. Keep reading to learn more about how we aid this transition at Buxlow:

1. ****Develop Good Habits****: It's crucial to start instilling good habits early. Encouraging pupils to confidently participate in class, take risks, and maintain a strong work ethic helps boost their confidence, even in new and unfamiliar settings. At Buxlow, we emphasize these habits by assigning leadership roles such as Head Boy/Girl and House Captain to our Year 6 pupils. This instills a sense of responsibility, making their transition smoother.

2. ****Explore New Opportunities****: Secondary school often presents new subject options, which can be overwhelming. At Buxlow, we encourage pupils to engage in diverse activities. Our curriculum offers a rich learning experience, from specialist teaching in multiple languages to philosophy sessions. This exposure helps pupils discover their interests and makes the new choices in secondary school less intimidating.

3. ****Build Lasting Relationships****: Forming new friendships in secondary school can be challenging, especially when pupils don't initially know anyone. At Buxlow, we create a family atmosphere where pupils build strong bonds across all year groups. This helps them learn to form meaningful relationships that last beyond their time at Buxlow.