

OUR 2022 PROGRAMME @ CLYST VALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Big Step invites your child on our transition programme, to achieve:

- Smoother transition from primary to secondary school
- Develop and improve students' self-esteem and confidence
- Improve the educational attainment of students, ensuring gains in primary school are not lost on transfer
- Increase literacy and numeracy skills
- Familiarising them with their new surroundings
- Help to meet and make new friends
- Provide a taster of activities and learning, allowing students to gain new skills and knowledge

Discover the school grounds.

Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Learn new skills, feel less anxious.

Make friends.

Fall down. Get back up again. Find yourself.

Make a mess.

Get lost. Make Music. Find the loos.

Meet some teachers.

How to help them make the transition to secondary school – it's something we all worry about.

It's a big step and you want to do everything you can for them.

A secondary school teacher myself, I set up **The BIG Step** back in 2018, to help ease the transition from primary to secondary school. I saw those September nerves in the children I taught.

I knew that a little last-minute late-summer preparation would make all the difference.

Some kids hit the ground running. Others need gentle encouragement.

It's the small things that make it a big step.

"Will I find my way around?"
"Where are the loos?"
"Will I make friends?"
"Will I fit in?"

Our one-week summer programme tackles all this and more.

We work really closely with schools to offer just the right programme to help your child make the big step.

Oh, and we have a lot of fun along the way.

Dan Leverton

Director of The Big Step

Build bridges. Go on a scavenger hunt.

Visit classrooms. Build confidence.

Break out from the escape room. Capture the flag. Get psyched.

Solve riddles. Build a team. Meet your tutor group.

Get arts and crafty. Dance and do drama.

Get arts and crafty.

Make food.

Dodge

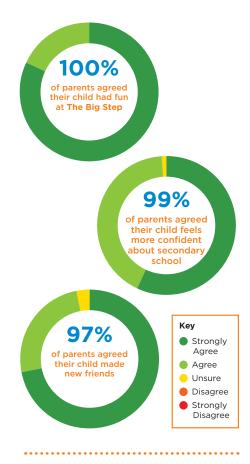
Dodge dodgeballs.

Get excited.

Unlock your potential. Unleash your...Inner year 7.

PARENTS THE NUMBERS

Don't just take our word for it, see what parents have to say about our summer transition programme:





WHAT THE PARENTS SAY...

I'm so glad she has gone from scared witless and tears to excitement about starting a new school. I am forever grateful. Thanks again Dan. You guys are awesome. P.S. It was totally 100% worth the money.

Such a genius way of integrating Year 7 children into the school. Good size groups, my daughter made 5 new friends immediately!

Honestly - it was fantastic!

My son had such a great time,
made lots of new friends, and
looked forward to going every day!

WHAT THE TEACHERS SAY...

It was **phenomenally successful.**When you have the opportunity to sign up to the programme, I couldn't recommend it more!!! it was brilliant.

Tina Graham - Headteacher

'The feedback we received about 'The Big Step' from parents and children was absolutely fantastic.

Parents commented on how much **more confident** their children were about joining year 7 and how it moved them from being nervous to really looking forward to it'

Suzannah Wharf - Headteacher



STUDENT VIEWS VIDEO

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Such a genius way of integrating year 7 Children into the school.

Esther, Parent

It was worth
its weight in gold
and I am truly
thankful to you guys.
Nicola, Parent

The Big Step
has made me
feel more confident,
so that I am ready
for September

Lisa, Student

The Big Step
was fantastic.
We learned ways to
help with scenarios
that we might
encounter at school.
Luke, Student

I loved The Big
Step and had so
much fun. I made lots
of new friends and it
has made me much
more positive.
Ella. Student



