



The  
Gryphon  
School

# Your journey to Secondary School starts here

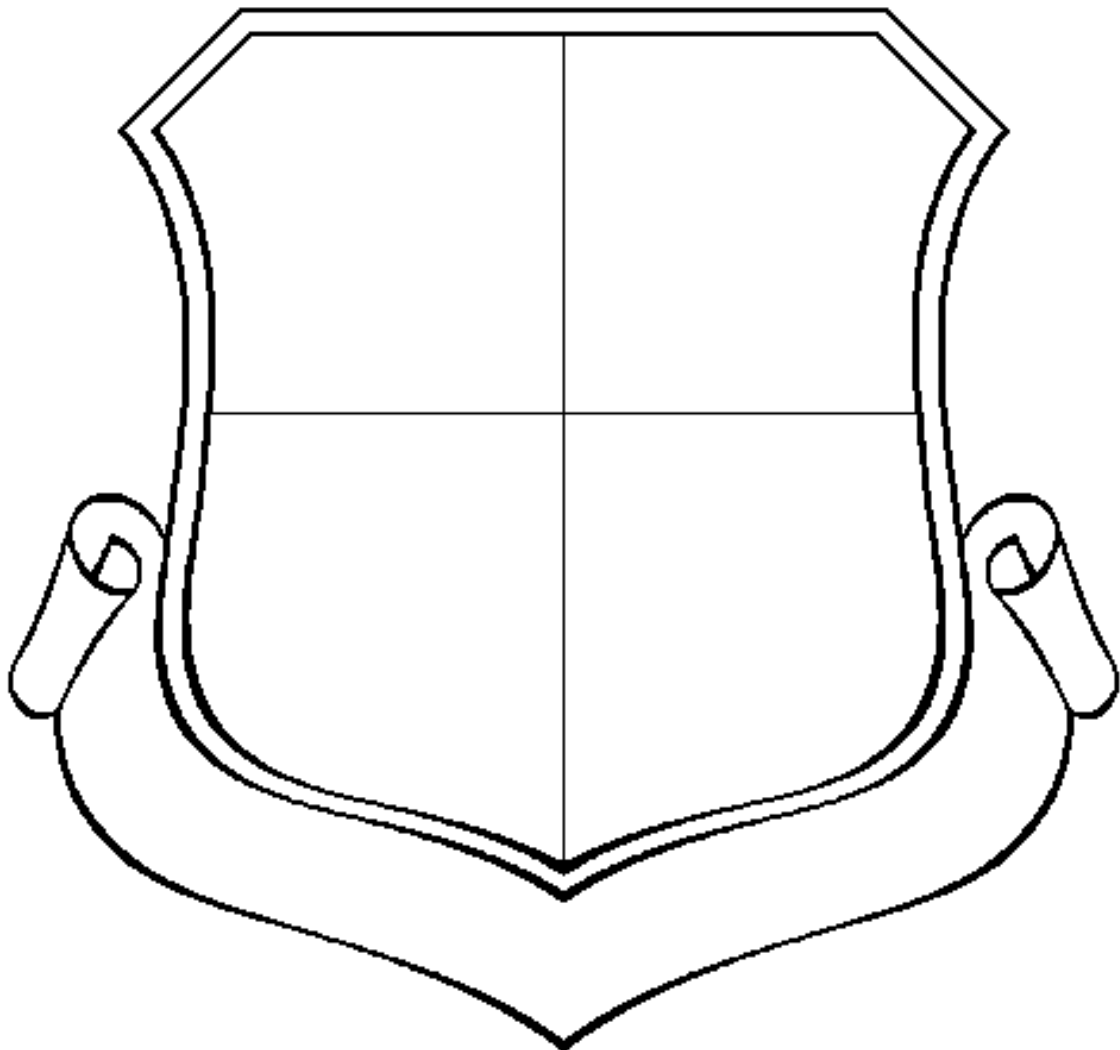
You are in your last year at primary school and should be starting secondary school in September. This is an exciting time and you may feel that there are a lot of new things to learn about. This booklet will help you to think about the changes ahead. It is also a chance to tell your tutor all about you.

**Name:**

## All about me

In this section you will get the chance to tell your new tutor a bit about you.

Use the template below to design a shield. The pictures should tell your tutor what you enjoy. The motto can say something important about what you believe. The Gryphon School emblem – the Gryphon – is a very important symbol. The Gryphon is a mythical creature who is half lion and half eagle – the king of the animals and the king of the birds. It represents our desire to be the very best in all that we do.



# My time at Primary

What is your most precious memory from primary school?

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What are the most important things you've learned?

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# My feelings about Secondary School

List three things that you are looking forward to at The Gryphon.

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3. ....

List three new things you hope to try when you get there.

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2. ....

3. ....

# Induction day

Normally there would be an induction day at the school. Because things are different this year we don't know if this will happen this year.

What I can tell you is that we will make sure that you have time to get used to the school before we start proper lessons. If when you have done the questions below, your parents or older brothers or sisters don't know the answers, then you can ask a parent or carer to email them to [njd@gryphon.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:njd@gryphon.dorset.sch.uk) Miss Dodgson will then do her best to answer them as quickly as possible.

Can you think of 5 questions you want to ask about life at Gryphon?

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5. ....

What are you looking forward to?

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# Your New School

At your primary school you are one of the oldest in the school. At your new school you will be one of the youngest. Find out some information now so it won't seem so strange. A good place to look would be the school's website:

Full name and address of your secondary school

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Telephone number .....

Head teacher.....

Head of Year .....

What time school starts .....

What time school finishes .....



# My School Uniform

This is the uniform you will wear.

## Gryphon School Uniform

White polo shirt with school logo  
Blue jumper with school logo  
Black school trousers or skirt (as below – more detail on school website)  
Completely black shoes



<b>Slim fit trousers</b>	<b>Flat front trousers</b>	<b>Boot cut trousers</b>	<b>Slim fit trousers</b>	<b>Pleated Skirt</b>	<b>Straight black skirt, with slit. (Not stretchy)</b>
					

It is really important that you put your name in your uniform and your school bag. We have a really good system of getting things back to students if it is left around school but we need to know who it belongs to.

# Lesson Times

When you come to The Gryphon you will be given a timetable. It runs over two weeks. It might look a bit like this in week one. You will need to be careful as you will have different lessons in week 2.

	AM Reg	Period1	Period2	Period3	Period4	PM Reg	Period5
Mon1	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Physical Education G 7Pe/ABoys Mr A Cummings	History G 7Hi/B Miss L Bucke Hi4	French G 7Fr/B Mrs L Maynard MFL7	Science G 7Sc/Adams Mrs A Bakewell Sc4	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Geography G 7Gg/B Mrs K Switzer Gg1SB
Tues1	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Physical Education G 7Pe/ABoys Mr A Cummings	Art G 7Ar/B Miss S Simpson Ar2	Science G 7Sc/Adams Dr A Otto Sc4	Mathematics G 7Ma/Cartan Mr H Thompson Ma5	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Spanish G 7Sp/B Ms A Sans Busby MFL4
Weds1	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	English G 7En/B Mrs G Linkenhoker En7	Creative Design G 7CD/ab2 Mrs A Jensen Fd2	History G 7Hi/B Miss L Bucke Hi4	Drama G 7Dr/B Miss H Young Dr2	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Science G 7Sc/Adams Dr A Otto Sc4
Thurs1	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	French G 7Fr/B Mrs L Maynard MFL7	Geography G 7Gg/B Mrs K Switzer Gg1SB	Mathematics G 7Ma/Cartan Mr H Thompson Ma5	Music G 7Mu/B Mr V Mizen Mu2SB	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Religious Education G 7Re/B Miss E Brown Re1SB
Fri1	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	English G 7En/B Mrs G Linkenhoker En7	History G 7Hi/B Miss L Bucke Hi4	Creative Design G 7CD/ab2 Mrs K Lane CD3	Art G 7Ar/B Miss S Simpson Ar2	Tutorial 7HBT Mr H Thompson Ma5	Mathematics G 7Ma/Cartan Mr H Thompson Ma5

To begin with you might get lost moving from lesson to lesson. Most people do but there will be many people who can help. We see many lost people in the first few weeks but they are not on their own and they are not upset! Remember the teachers will expect you to get lost to begin with – they will not be cross if you're late.

List some people who might help you find your way around:

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# Who can help at The Gryphon School?

In the first weeks at the school you might need some help. In fact, everyone needs help at some point – from the newest year 7 to the most experienced year 13. Here are some places you can go for help. Remember you will get a map to help you find them or just ask any teacher or student and they will take you there.

**Tutor Room** – You will see your tutor every morning and afternoon in your TUTOR ROOM. They will check that you know where to go in the first few weeks. This is the first teacher you can go to if you are worried about anything.

**Head of Year** – Your Head of Year can be found in the Year Office.

**Student Hub** – You should sign in here if you are late in the morning or have to leave school early. You should go here if you have an accident at break times. If you feel ill during a lesson your teacher might send you there for help.

**Blue Room** – Our ELSA team are based in the blue room. They are there to support you if you need someone to talk to.

**Finance Office** – You should go there if there is a problem with your cashless catering or if you need money for lunch. Always tell someone if you have a problem – we will always make sure you get something to eat.

# Equipment

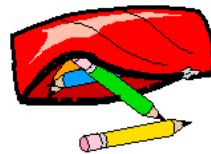
You will need to take a bag with you every day. Make a list of the things you will need to pack each day.

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When all of the bags are together in the rack they look very similar. Students often put a badge or keyring on the outside of their bag to make it look slightly different.



# Growth Mindset

Just like at primary school, when you start Year 7 your attitude will have a huge effect on your learning. We hope that you will work hard to achieve your goals. Students with a growth mindset put in steady effort all the time, so that they improve. This is called perseverance. When you persevere, things that were difficult start to get easier – it just takes practice!  
Have a look at the picture, and see how many of the words apply to you and your work already.



Think of an activity or a skill that was difficult at first, but became easier with practice.

What subject or topic are you curious about?  
What could you do to find out more about it?