





Session 4
Making the change



In Session 3, we looked at the things that we worry about including the fear of failure.

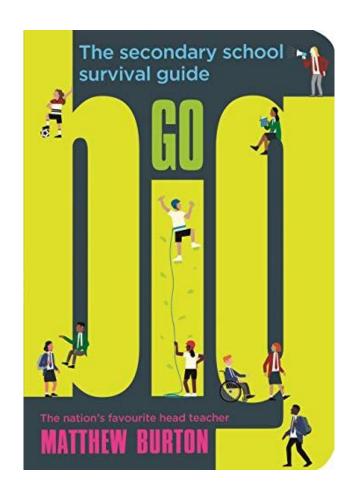
We agreed that failure is a way to learn and we should embrace it!

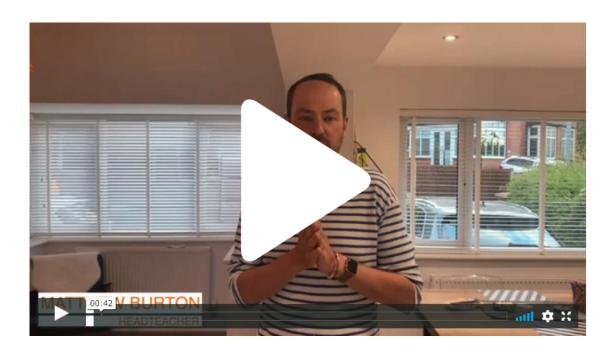
People who want to be awesome and mature, make failure an opportunity to learn.





Here is Matthew Burton to introduce today's session:





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What is change?

In life, we go through many different changes or 'transitions'. What are some examples?

- Moving house
- Becoming a vegetarian
- Becoming a brother or sister
- Getting your first job
- Breaking your leg or arm
- Growing up
- Going to secondary school





There are many ways we can embrace the change of going to secondary school



- See it as an opportunity to make new friends.
- Try out new clubs and activities.
- Everyone is facing the same thing so try to enjoy it!
- Make a great first impression with your behaviour, organisation and presentation.



Why is getting an education such a great thing?

This is what a teenager called Malala said when she was at secondary school:

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

Malala Yousafzai

Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate



"Malala believes that anyone – you, me, that person on the bus who goes to the secondary down the road - can change the world. The power of education to help you do that is massive. It opens doors that we thought were locked; it gives us the bricks to build the highest tower from which we can see the beauty of the world. Or, to put it without using metaphors, a good education can help you get the life you want for yourself.'





TASK: School memories

Before you make a change, it is good to look back as well as look forward. You can see how far you have come! You started primary school when you were just five years old – you couldn't read or write back then!

- Name three things that have changed the most since you started primary school.
- What will you miss most about your old school?
- What are you most concerned about in your new school?





"Throughout our lives we go through all sorts of changes, or what we call, 'transitions'. One of the biggest transitions any of us will go through, though, is the leap from primary to secondary school."

We are going to look at some of those changes.





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There are many differences between primary and secondary school. How many can you think of?

Primary	Secondary
Smaller school	Bigger school and you will move to different
 Same class all the way through school 	lessons
 A smaller range of subjects 	 Different subjects
 The same teacher or a few teachers for an entire 	 Different types of homework
year	 Different structure and routine
 Playtime activities to do 	 Different teachers for each subject
 It could be close to your home with friends 	 You will have a form tutor and class
nearby	 More independent learning
 Less independence 	 Manage your own time
	 A mixture of different children from different schools
	 Different set of rules



TASK: New school

- Write down three things you are really excited about doing in secondary school.
- Write down three worries you have about secondary school. Speak to someone you trust about your worries to help you feel better.





Life is a journey...

Build on who are and what you have done in primary school.

Use it as a stepping stone to help you achieve and enjoy a new school and environment.

TASK: In your workbook:

What are the things that you have already done at primary school that you would like to build on?



It is YOUR journey...



Here are some top tips for making the change:

- 1. When you go for your first day, ask people their names.
- 2. Be kind everyone is nervous, we just display it in different ways.
- 3. Make yourself talk to new people.
- 4. Ask if you are not sure.
- 5. Be determined to make a good impression be polite and have the right equipment.
- 6. Smile! Even your teacher will be nervous on the first day back!



As an actress, Gemma has 'first days' a lot of the time when she is meeting new teams or cast members for the first time. She can help us with this!







If you embrace the change, and use it as an opportunity to grow, then you will be able to do brilliant things!