

Talk About Transition Follow Up Lesson 4 - Teacher Notes

This follow up lesson is designed for students who have taken part in the 'Talk About Transition' workshop with Talk The Talk training staff, ideally in the Summer Term.

It can be delivered during form/registration time or extended to facilitate a complete lesson period.

The accompanying PowerPoint document entitled 'Lesson Slides 4' should be displayed on the whiteboard or projection screen.

Slide One: Cover Slide

Slide Two: Task 1 – 'Think' 2 – 3 minutes

Working individually, students are asked to think about their first year at their new school.

- What new things have they experienced?
- How will these experiences prepare them for next year?
- What are they looking forward to most in Year 8?
- And why?

Students spend two to three minutes thinking about the academic year they have almost completed.

Slide Three: Task 2 – 'Pair' 3 – 5 minutes

Now working with a partner, students talk to each other about their experiences – explaining their choices to their partner.

Slide Four: Task 3 – 'Share' 5 - 30 minutes

This task is facilitated by the teacher – and can be extended dependent on time constraints.

If only a short time is available, the teacher can elicit responses from individual students – to explain their choices for one or more of the questions:

- What new experiences have you had?
- How will they prepare you for next year?
- What are you looking forward to most in Year 8?

If more time is available, every student can share their choices and explanations – leading to either individual presentations to their peers or a whole group discussion facilitated by the teacher, using open questions to encourage extended answers:

How did you find these new experiences? Were they challenging.....?

How did you approach them and how did you feel afterwards?

How do you now feel when you think about Year 8?

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