

Moving On Up



From Year 6 to Year 7

Thornden
School



Name: _____

School: _____

Dear Year 6,

I am so sorry that we were unable to have you into school for a transition day. This is unfortunately the situation we continue to find ourselves in and I hope you understand that your safety is the most important factor in all these decisions.

I know many, if not all of you will be nervous and apprehensive about starting a new school and moving to 'secondary' school. I want to reassure that those feelings are perfectly natural. Alongside the usual nerves, I hope you also feel excited and are looking forward to joining us in September. We are very excited to meet you all. I will do my very best to make sure you have a smooth transition to Thornden, even in these difficult and different times.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you think a little about what life at Thornden will be like and it is an opportunity to let your tutor and I know all about you! I would like you to do some of these activities over the next few weeks and some over the summer. All are designed to help you settle in and help us to get to know you a little better. We will then use this information in Tutor Periods in September.

This is just the beginning of your Thornden journey and I hope that over the next 5 years you succeed in all that you do. My advice to you is to get involved with as much as you possibly can because so many opportunities await you here at Thornden.

I look forward to getting to know you all very soon and hope you have a wonderful summer.

See you in September.

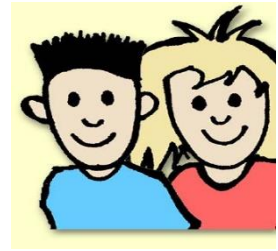


Ms Georgiou, Head of Year 7

Section 1 - Pre summer holiday tasks



New Beginnings



As you reach the end of your time at your current school, you will probably be saying goodbye to some of your friends and teachers. This may be sad, but you can always keep in contact with these people.

It is now time to think about an exciting new time in your life as you start at Thornden. In the space below complete the sentences to help you think about starting a new school in September.

What I am looking forward to:

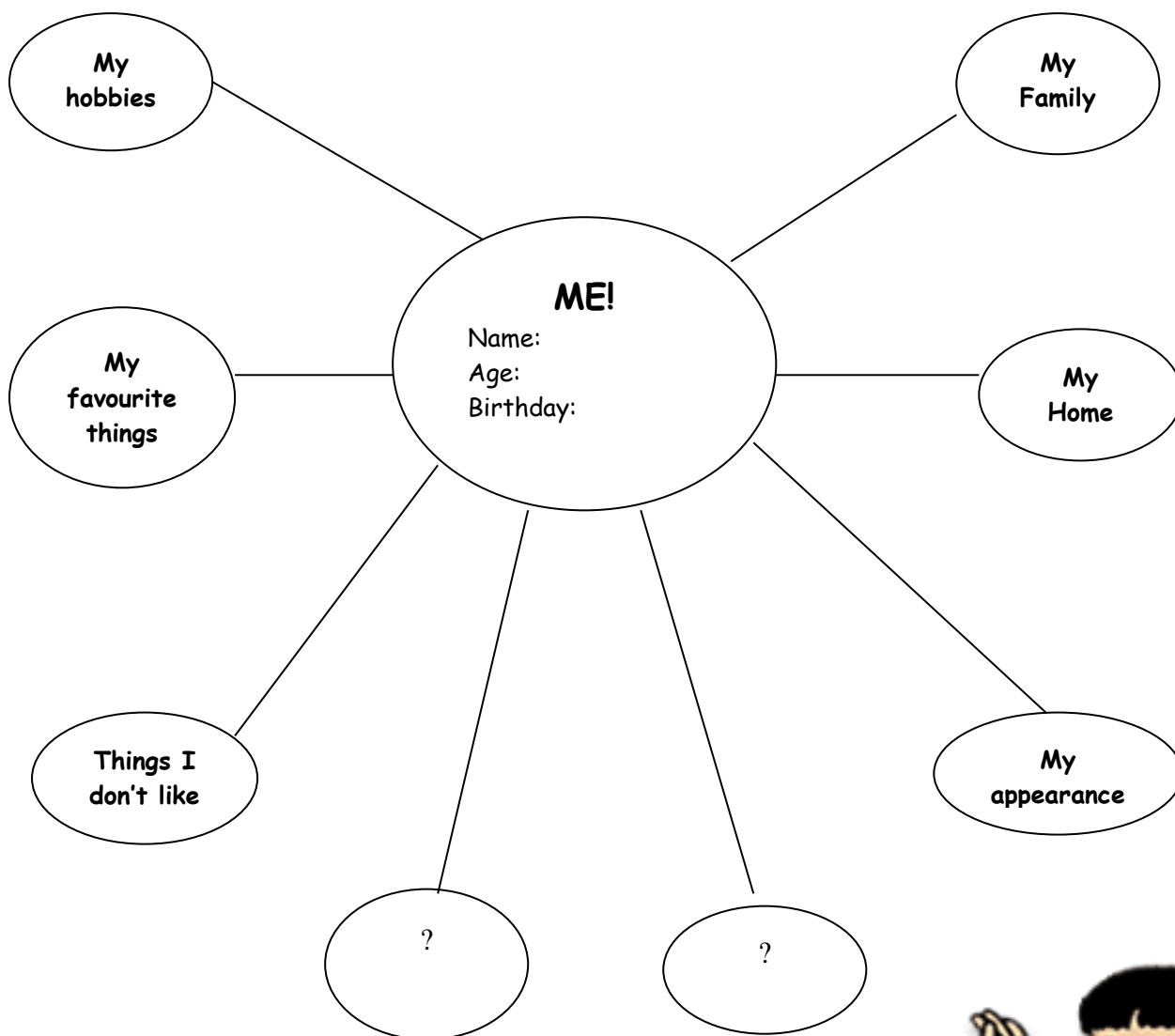
What I am going to miss:

What are my hopes?

All About Me.

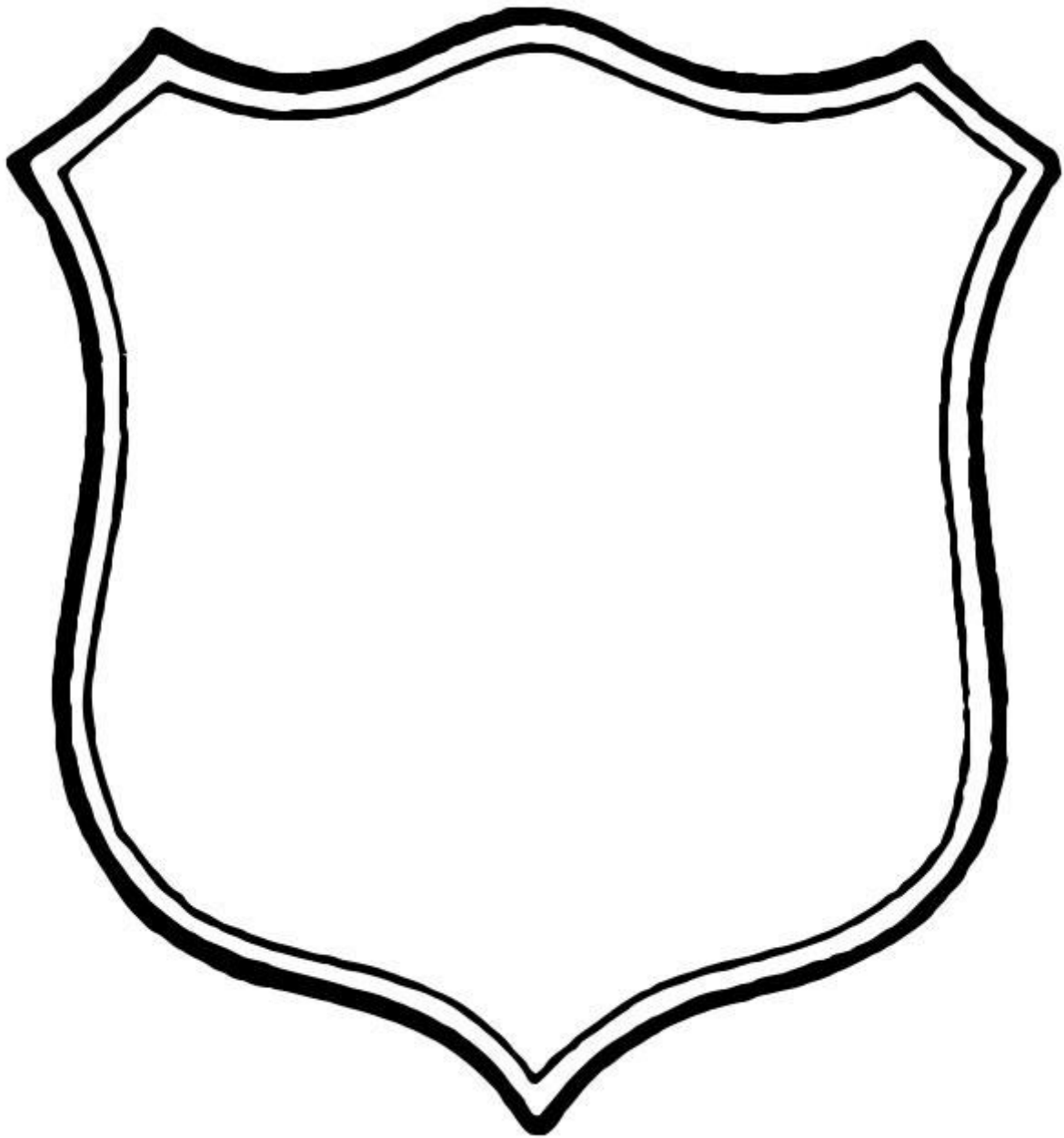
When you start at Thornden School, there will be lots of people who will want to get to know you. These may be other students, your form tutor or other members of staff such as your teachers, the canteen staff, the nurse and me!

Complete the mind map below to help you think of interesting things about yourself that you may like others to know. You can use the headings that have been given to you, but also try to include ideas of your own.



My Shield

Many families or groups of people have a shield to represent them. This shield usually includes pictures or words that tell a story about those people. In the space below design a shield to represent you.



Setting goals

Some people find it important to set themselves goals to help them to achieve their dreams.

Think about one thing in your life that you really want to achieve when you are an adult. Write about this in the space below:



Try to set yourself some goals. These can be used to help you achieve something that you want or would like to do. Make sure you are clear as to why you want to achieve these goals:

By the end of this week I will... _____
because this will help me... _____

By the end of the summer term I will... _____
because this will help me... _____

By the time I start at Thornden I will... _____
because this will help me... _____

By the end of the Autumn Term I will: _____
because this will help me... _____

By the end of year 7 I will:
because this will help me: _____

In five years' time I will... _____
because this will help me... _____

Section 2 - Things to do over the summer!



The Summer Holiday Challenge!



Over the summer holidays, see how many of these things you can do. Tick them off when you have done them!

Activity	Done?	Tell us about it!
Get reading: Read a book (or two!). Read a magazine, or newspaper article.		
Get active: Go on a bike ride or take your scooter out or skateboard or roller-skates. Go swimming.		
Get out: Visit a beach or park.		
Interact: Play a board game, or a game of charades with your family or friends. Help an adult with a household task that you do not usually do.		
Create: Get cooking or baking. Make something yummy!		
Colour, draw, paint, take a picture or create a piece of art.		
Try something new		

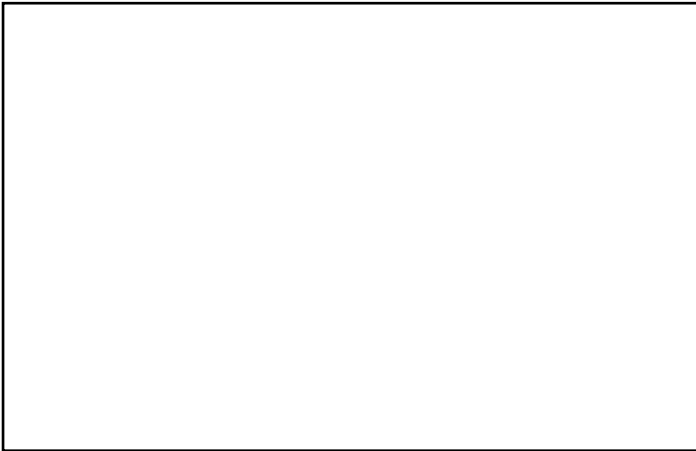


Snapshots

Collect some photographs of yourself. Display these on this page (or in your own way on a separate piece of paper if you prefer) and try to describe what you were like and what you were doing in each one:

A Baby:

A young child:



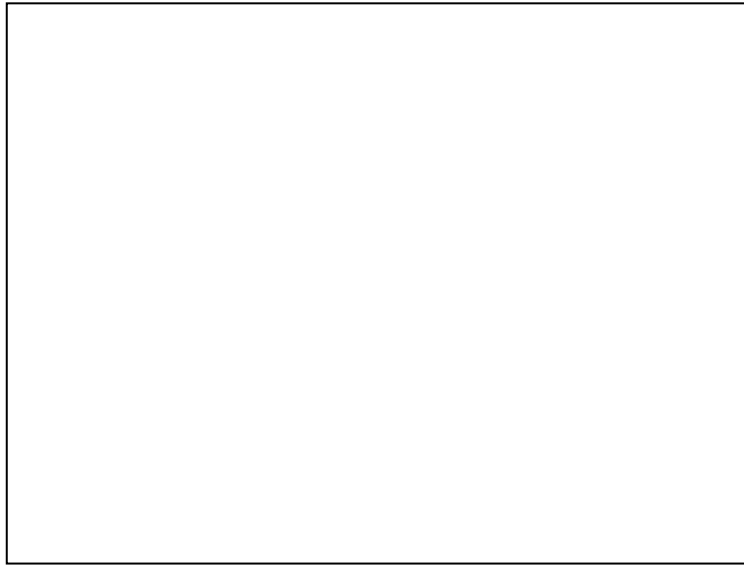


You today:

Using the photographs, describe how you have changed:

The Future

Draw a 'photograph' of yourself of how you might look when you move to secondary school



Draw another 'photograph' of yourself in five years' time. What do you look like now?



Try to describe how and why you may have changed.

Are you ready?



	Yes (add a date to show when you have reached this goal)	Nearly	No (remember to ask for help if you need it)
Have you watched all our transition videos that have been sent to your parents/carers?			
Have you completed your wellbeing passport?			
Have you completed the 'snapshots' activity?			
Have you thought about your characteristics?			
Have you completed your shield?			
Have you set yourself some goals for the future?			
Have you had a go at the Summer Holiday challenge?			

When you have ticked yes to most things you should feel ready to continue your learning journey into year 7 at Thornden School. However, you may still have some questions or concerns. If you do, write these in the space below so you can remember to ask somebody for help.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Section 3:

Useful information!



SAMPLE YEAR 7 TIMETABLE

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	MATHS PR M4	DRAMA MO D2	TECHNOLOGY CM T1	HISTORY JL H4	PE KO ---
2	MATHS PR M4	DRAMA MO D2	TECHNOLOGY CM T1	HISTORY JL H4	PE KO ---
3	TECHNOLOGY CM T1	FRENCH AJ L5	MATHS PR M4	ART GD A3	RS GH R1
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5	PE MD ---	ENGLISH JW E5	GEOGRAPHY GE L7	GEOGRAPHY GE G1	SCIENCE JE S7
6	PE MD ---	ENGLISH JW E5	GEOGRAPHY GE L7	GEOGRAPHY GE G1	SCIENCE JE S7
7	FRENCH AJ L5	SCIENCE JE S7	MUSIC VT MU1	MATHS PR M4	ENGLISH JW E5
8	FRENCH AJ L5	SCIENCE JE S7	MUSIC VT MU1	MATHS PR M4	ENGLISH JW E5

Here is a copy of a Year 7 timetable so you can see how the school day works. Yours will be different but you will have the same sort of lessons.

What you need for your FIRST DAY in September

- Be on time. Discuss with your family how you will get to school and how you will get home.
- Wear the correct uniform.
- Bring a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. We will go through a full equipment list with you.
- Bring a packed lunch. We will be selling hot food, but the canteen gets busy and we have restrictions in place due to covid. We would advise that for the first week you bring a packed lunch.



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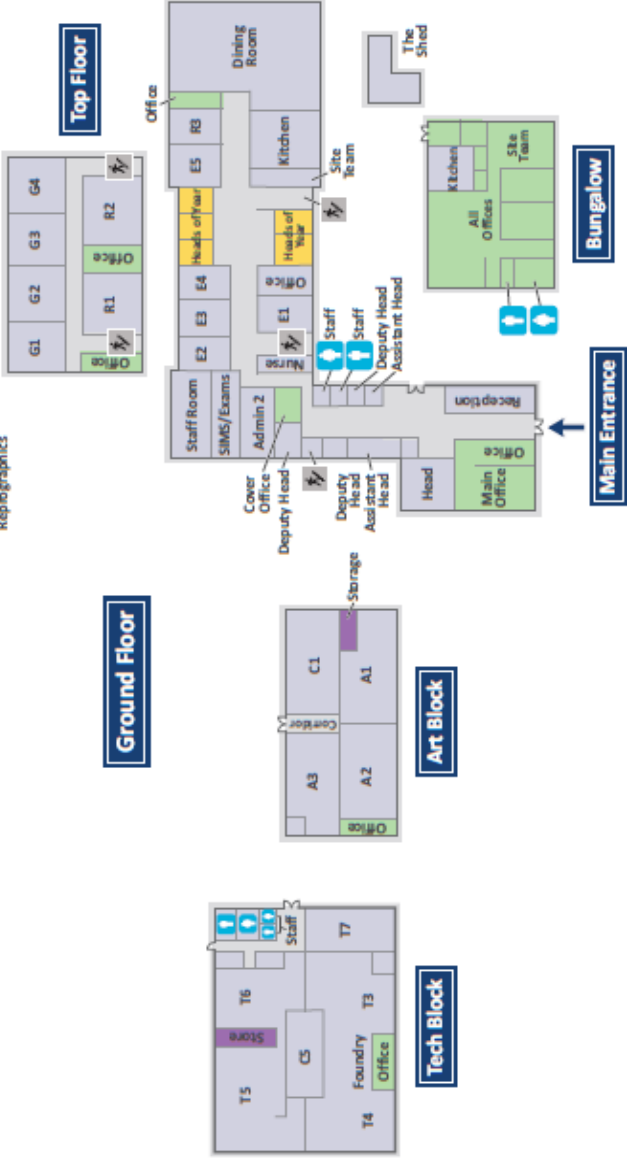
School Map - to help you find your way around!

- Offices
- Corridors
- Boiler House
- Heads of Year
- Storage
- Boys WC
- Girls WC
- Staff WC
- Disabled WC

Lower Ground



Ground Floor



Top Floor



Notes & Ideas

