While moving from primary to secondary school can be an exciting time for young people and their parents, it can also be a bit daunting.

The more informed and involved you are in your child’s preparation, the more likely the transition will be positive.

From day one your child will experience many changes, each of which brings questions and new things to do:

- More subjects
- More homework
- More challenging school work
- The responsibility to get to classes in different rooms on time
- The need to manage themselves, their learning and equipment
- Using lockers and carrying books between classes
- Adapting to different teaching styles
- Having no ‘home’ classroom although many schools have a base for Year 7 students.

With the help of family and school staff, students usually adapt quickly to their new environment.

Most secondary schools work with primary schools to make transition easier. A school’s transition program may include:

- Secondary students visiting their former primary school to talk about their experiences
- A buddy system where students new to the school are paired up with older students already at the school. These older students can answer questions and help the new students adjust to secondary school life
- Secondary school teachers visiting primary schools to talk about what to expect at secondary school
- Year 6 visits to secondary school.

A resource for Parents and Students

_In Transit_ from Primary to Secondary School DVD is a resource developed to assist parents and students in making a smooth transition from Year 6 to 7.

A copy of the _In Transit_ DVD can be obtained from your local primary or secondary school with subtitles in Arabic, Turkish and Assyrian.