



Starting Secondary School



New Beginning

- Moving up school can be a very exciting but nervous experience for a lot of people, and so in this presentation, we hope to ease any concerns you might have about moving up to secondary school.
- In secondary school, you'll meet new people, experience new things, and be put into a different environment than in primary school.

What do you think Secondary School will be like?



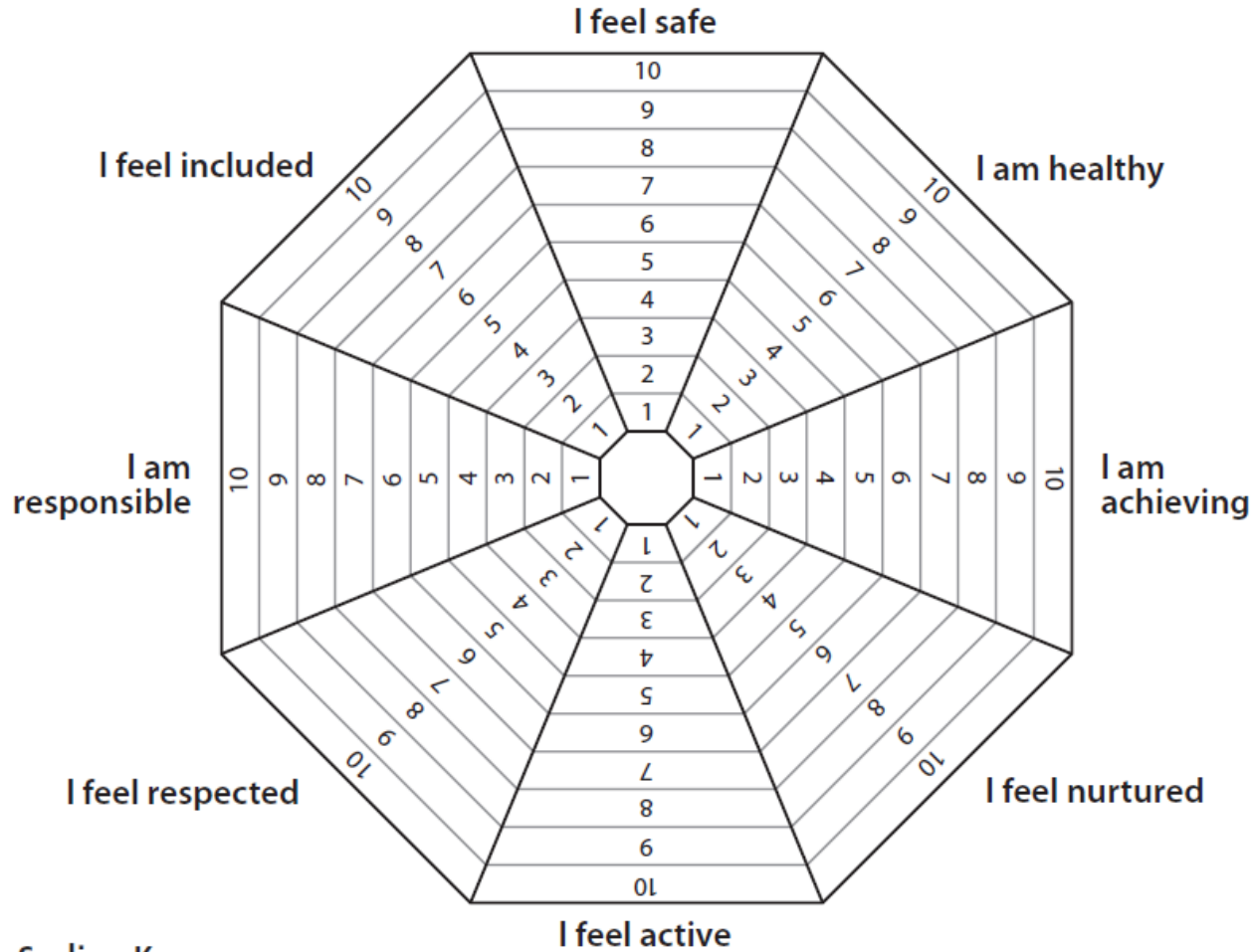
New Experiences

- Secondary school is rather different from Primary School. Here are some of the differences:

Differences
Much larger building.
More staff/pupils .
More subjects to choose from.
Classes are more varied and contain many new people.
More afterschool clubs/activities.



Wellbeing Web



Scaling Key

1 = Not at all true of me

10 = Very true of me

S1-S3

- Secondary pupils will spend 5 or 6 years actually studying in school.
- In first year, you'll do practically every subject available. This is to allow you to experience a wide variety of subjects to see what interests you the most.
- This is continued in second year. In second year, the aim of the year will be to help you understand both the new environment and your personal interests.
- In third year, you'll narrow down your subject choices to 11 subjects, and you'll continue narrowing down your subject choices until 5th and 6th year.



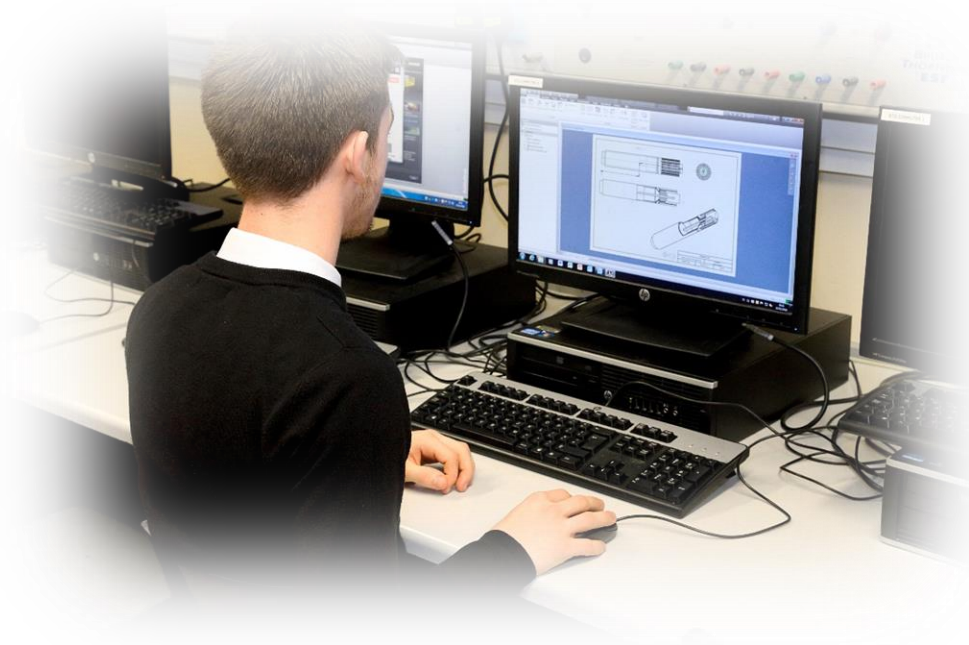
S4-S6

- In fourth year, you'll be sitting your National 5s which determine what Highers you take, the other notable event is work experience.
- In fifth year, the Higher exams will start and you can begin really looking at what you'll be doing after leaving school. The results here will determine what college/university you're going to attend, so it's important to put in effort.
- Finally, in sixth year, if you choose to stay on, you'll be able to achieve more qualifications and you can attend college courses/take advanced Highers.



Work Experience

- Further up the school, you're required to partake in work experience. Work experience is a chance to look into a field of work you're interested in and see whether it's something you'd like or not.
- This experience is very beneficial and helps you understand what a working week really is.



National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers

- These three qualifications are important for later on in your life – particularly Highers and advanced Highers.
- Due to this, the years in which you sit them, S4/5/6, are incredibly important.
- Doing well here can make getting into higher education much easier.



Extra Curricular Activities

- In Secondary School you'll be able to take part in many different activities. Some such activities are Football, Rugby and Netball. These all run after school or during lunch.
- As well as extra curricular activities, you'll also have the chance to participate in award schemes like Duke of Edinburgh.



After Secondary

- During your senior years, you'll have to think about and plan for your immediate and long-term future.
- This can involve higher education like university/college, apprenticeships or full-time employment.



Role of Guidance at Kyle Academy

- Getting to know you offering support
- Interviews, settling in, buddy systems.
- Voice heard, pupil council, box.
- Eco committee, art club, music lessons, trips
- Any concerns, subjects teachers, pupil support, peer groups,
- Timetable, way around the school, dinner system
- Parents can talk to me
- Choices through S1 – S6
- You can come to your Guidance Teacher.

Questions?

Moving up to a new school which is far larger than your old one and is completely foreign can be very daunting.

Do you have any questions about starting secondary school?

Let your P7 teacher know and we will be able to help.

