

Year 6 (2, feelings about secondary school)

[a few weeks before the end of the summer term in year 6, the researcher asks how they feel about the upcoming transition]

Ellen: I'm excited and nervous the same as Elliot I'm excited because they've got more sports teams and like dance teams and that like they're teaching proper lessons and doing proper experiments in science#

R01: what do you mean by proper lessons?#

Ellen: like they teach like more like higher stuff than they do here#

R01: mm mhm#

Ellen: and then I'm nervous because like I feel like I'm gonna get lost and the work's gonna get really hard#

R01: yeah thank you Tom#

Tom: I'm excited and nervous I'm excited because it's like I'm moving on to#

R01: mhm#

Tom: big school but then I'm nervous because of the homework and then like the the work's gonna get harder#

R01: mhm#

Tom: I feel like I'm gonna get lost#

R01: you can get lost in your subjects work that kind of thing? or get lost in the#

Tom: gess lost in get lost in the school#

R01: in the school#

Tom: yeah#

R01: okay I see and Sophie?#

Sophie: well I'm excited 'cos I did an English enrichment thing there and I really enjoyed it I love how it like focuses on loads of different things because the teachers do only do that subject but and one thing I was really nervous about was getting lost but there's a map at the back of the planners although one thing I am still nervous about is the fact that there's loads and loads of people and I don't like absolutely massive crowds of people#

R01: mm so you are just worried about the number of people in the school okay so which subjects do you think you will enjoy most at secondary school? Tom?#

Tom: science because in our school now we don't we don't do a like like experiments with like chemicals and all that but I've heard in <school name> you do and I think I'll really enjoy it#