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| Unit: | Transition | Suggested Order: 2 of 7 |
| Topic: | Comparing Primary and Secondary | |
| Key Objectives: | To reflect on the differences between primary and secondary school | |
| Resources: | Sample Comparing Primary and Secondary PowerPoint  Table – Similarities and Differences  Highlighters | |

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| Guideline Timing | Activity | Typical Learning Gains | Notes / Advice from teaching team |
| 4 Mins | Spot the Difference Cartoon | Engages class | *Students will tend to identify the same issues which helps to build relationships and to reduce anxiety* |
| 1 Mins | Students predict the LO |
| 10 Mins | Working in pairs, students make a list of similarities and differences | Students share experiences and recognise commonalities |
| 5 Mins | In pairs, students use highlighters to categorise similarities and differences e.g. in lessons / outside lessons | Deeper thinking about the changes as students are encouraged to identify patterns |
| 8 Mins | Individually students rank the similarities and differences | Higher-order thinking |
| 20-25 Mins | Snowball activity – students work in pairs, 4’s and then as a whole class to agree the most important similarities and differences | Teacher has the opportunity to assess group working skills |
| 5 Mins | Individual Written Activity:   * So far, the best thing about secondary school has been…. * So far, my biggest challenge has been… * One thing I need to improve is… * 2 things that I will do to improve are… | Teacher can get to know the individuals in the class and gives a private opportunity for students to share concerns |

Opportunities to differentiate / personalise:

Supportive pairings for the start of the task e.g. nervous students together