

"I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, IT WAS AMAZING!"

Participating student 2023

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

GET YEAR-7 READY



THE BIG STEP TRANSITION PROGRAMME AT:

**GILLINGHAM SCHOOL**

27 - 31 JULY 2026



## OUR 2026 PROGRAMME AT **Gillingham School**

**The BIG Step** invites your child on our transition programme, to achieve:

- ✓ **Smoother transition** from primary to secondary school
- ✓ **Develop and improve** students' self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ **Familiarising them** with their new surroundings
- ✓ Help to meet and **make new friends**
- ✓ Build **teamwork, resilience,** and **skills** for secondary school success

How to help them make the transition to secondary school – it's something we all worry about.

It's a big step and you want to do everything you can for them.

A secondary school teacher myself, I set up **The BIG Step** in 2018, to help ease the transition from primary to secondary school. I saw those September nerves in the children I taught. I knew that a little summer preparation would make all the difference. Some kids hit the ground running, others need gentle encouragement.

**It's the small things that make it a big step.**

**“Will I find my way around?” “Will I fit in?”  
“Where are the loos?” “Will I make friends?”**

Our one-week summer programme tackles all this and more. We work really closely with schools to offer just the right programme to help your child make the big step.

Oh, and we have a lot of fun along the way.

**Dan Leverton** *Founder of The Big Step*

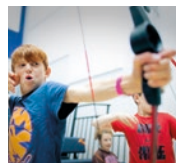
## 2026 SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAMME **What is the cost?**

# £130 FOR THE WEEK\*

**£20 deposit**  
Guarantees your  
child's place

*That's just  
£26 a day!*

Choose  
to pay in  
instalments



Gillingham School are looking forward to welcoming The Big Step as part of our transition programme; it should be a lot of fun and an ideal way to make some new friends before September.

**Colin Gordon** *Designated Safeguarding Lead*



\* Discounts may be available if your child receives free school meals or has in the past two years. Availability depends on your school - please check with us for details.

**'MAKING THE BIG STEP A SMALLER STEP'**

Make friends. Make food. Make music. Make a mess. Complete again. Compete together. Build confidence. Discover the school grounds. Dance and do drama. Get arts and crafty. Go on a scavenger hunt. Find the loos. Find yourself. Find the loos. Get arts and crafty. Fall down. Learn new skills. Feel less anxious. Solve riddles. Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Dodge dodgeballs. Capture the flag. Meet some teachers. Meet your tutor group. Explore some more. Visit classrooms. Get excited. Unleash your potential. Unleash your... Inner year 7. Make food. Make music. Make a mess. Complete again. Compete together. Corridors. Build confidence. Discover the school grounds. Dance and do drama. Get arts and crafty. Go on a scavenger hunt. Find the loos. Find yourself. Find the loos. Get arts and crafty. Fall down. Learn new skills. Feel less anxious. Play basketball, rounders, rugby and footy. Dodge dodgeballs. Capture the flag. Meet some teachers. Meet your tutor group. Explore some more. Visit classrooms. Get excited. Unleash your potential. Unleash your... Inner year 7.



**Get psyched.**

**Find the loos.**

**Make Music.**

**Find yourself.**

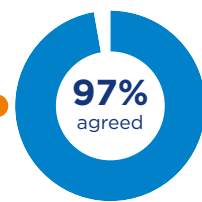
## STUDENT FEEDBACK Numbers

Don't just take our word for it, see what students have to say about our summer transition programme:

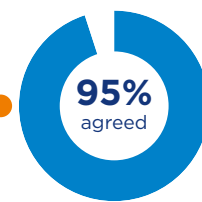
**8,500+ CHILDREN**  
have attended since 2019



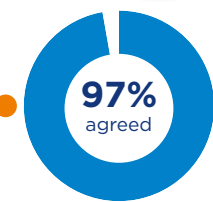
**I HAD FUN** at the summer school



The activities provided were **VARIED AND ENGAGING**



Summer school has **HELPED ME PREPARE** for September



**I WOULD RECOMMEND** 'The BIG Step' to other students

## PARENT FEEDBACK

"I'm so glad she has gone **from scared witless and tears to excitement about starting a new school.** I am forever grateful. Thanks again Dan. You guys are awesome. P.S. It was **totally 100% worth the money.**"

"Such **a genius way of integrating Year 7 children into the school.** Good size groups, my daughter made 5 new friends immediately!"

"Honestly - it was fantastic! **My son had such a great time,** made lots of new friends, and looked forward to going every day!"

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the link



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and follow the  
steps on our  
website

✉ **info@thebigstep.org** *email with any questions*

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Average Parent Rating: 9.6/10

**A must  
for all new  
Year 7s**

Suzanne, Parent



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