

Case Study:
Thornleigh Salesian
College and Pupil
Pathways

Delivering a streamlined, personalised transition with SixIntoSeven

Thornleigh Salesian College in Bolton is typical of many secondary schools as it welcomes students from about 35 associated primary schools. About 75% of their intake come from 7 schools. Fearghal Smith, the Year 7 leader, explained how using [SixIntoSeven](#) has helped the transition process.

Consistent, compliant and accessible data

Prior to the introduction of SixIntoSeven, Thornleigh used their own Google-based transition system, which had been developed over many years in partnership with the associated primary schools. Spreadsheets were used, and where additional context was required, an information sheet was completed.

The use of SixIntoSeven proved very useful for Thornleigh, providing secure, GDPR-compliant and accessible data storage. The data is then presented to the user in a consistent way which is easy to access and navigate.

The use of flags, whereby a primary school indicated that an additional conversation was needed, or simply to raise awareness, was valued. SixIntoSeven then enabled the transition team to work more effectively by providing contact details to rapidly arrange visits to, for example, schools which sent a single student or a student with additional needs.

Early information supports early intervention

Mr Smith noted that SixIntoSeven allowed for the download of information for children who had EHA or were identified as SEND. The early arrival of this detailed information could start the process of targeting additional support and liaising with external agencies. This information could then be used to create Personal Support Strategies and prepare individual transition plans for identified students, which were then shared with form tutors in readiness for September.

Thornleigh staff value the fact that data in SixIntoSeven is available through Year 7 as they can study the 'historical context' of the child.

A personalised approach

The Thornleigh approach to transition is focussed on face-to-face meetings. SixIntoSeven complements and enhances these conversations and helps to facilitate a personalised transition for each child.

