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School: Sandbach School	LA: Cheshire
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Learning Focus: To reduce Yr 6-7 'dip' through effective transition between KS2 and KS3.	
Curriculum Focus: Transition & Community	
Tools used: Homepage ,  Forum,  Links	



How this worked in practice: The school has appointed a group of current year 7 students to form a committee that will support the 2009/10 intake with their transition to secondary school. An area within the Sandbach school cLc has been designated to Transition and the incoming students are able access the 'Ask Sandbach' area, meet the team of year 7 students and submit their questions about their new school. Once questions are submitted a member of the current yr 7 team will answer the question in the  forum. New students can then visit the  forum and not only read the answer to their question, but can read through the questions from other students and get answers to questions they did not know they had.

The third  link directs students to the Useful Information area. Here students and parents will find useful information such as uniforms, school life and extra-curricular activities. This area provides new students and parents with an area that introduces not only the school, but the use of the cLc to support the school community.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

Learning; Communication, Information Sharing and Gathering

Transition: Question & Answer, Familiarity, Buddies, Community Engagement

Next Steps: The children currently in Year 7 could create a Sandbach School Knowledge  Wiki using text, film,  photos and  links which Year 6 children could then prompt further information from. The  Wiki would then act as a Year 7 led information zone.