

Puberty

Puberty is a time in our lives when our bodies change from a child into an adult. This time usually happens during our teenage years.





You may **sweat** more. When sweat mixes with bacteria on your skin, it can smell or cause **body odour (BO)**. It is important to **wash** regularly. You may develop **spots** on your face, neck, back or chest. Some people develop lots of spots and some hardly any. It is completely **normal**.



Hair **grows** in new places such as under your armpits and around your genitals. Boys also grow **facial hair** like beards and moustaches. Puberty can be a very emotional time due to the changes in hormones in your body. You may feel more upset or angry than usual. It is important to talk about these emotions with someone you trust.

In the Womb

Fertilisation happens when a male sex cell and a female sex cell combine and begin to grow into a **foetus**.

Women have a special organ called a **uterus** in which they grow the foetus in until it is a fully developed baby is ready to be born. Human babies develop for **9 months** in the uterus.







Key Vocabulary

Birth - when your life starts as a physically separate being
Conception - when the egg and the sperm meet to begin the development of a foetus
Death - when the life cycle ends
Develop - to grow, to become more mature or advanced
Egg - the female sex cell
Fertilisation - when the egg and the sperm join to begin the development of a foetus
Foetus - a baby that is still developing in the womb
Puberty - a time in the human life cycle when the body goes through changes to become an adult
Sperm - the male sex cell

Uterus - an organ in which the foetus grows and develops

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