

Dear Year 6 Family,

Welcome to the Hertswood Community! The last year has been such a challenging time for all of us, but everyone here at Hertswood is so excited about seeing you as soon as possible.

To give you some things to look forward to while we are waiting for the covid restrictions to lift, over the next few weeks we want to show you around the school (virtually!) and show you some of the things that we are doing as a school. We would also like to give you some tasks to get you ready for studying with us in September... and to keep your brains sharp over the long Summer Break!

Every two weeks we will be sending out different information so that over time you will begin to feel that you are familiar with how we work and that you are ready to start in September. In addition there will be a few necessary things for you to do or to fill in to ensure that we have all the details we need about you. We are already speaking to your Primary Schools and beginning the process of transferring all the relevant information we need to make your start a positive one.

As you can imagine, we are awaiting guidance on how we will be able to run any of the induction events that we were hoping to. We will definitely be running an induction event of some sort on Thursday 8th July but until we know more, we will stay in touch regularly to show you what life is like at Hertswood through other means.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin by:

- Sending you an electronic copy of our school newsletter: Hertsbeat each week
- Taking you on a 'virtual' tour of the school building
- Asking you to fill out a questionnaire to help us get to know you better and to get our database set up before you visit us.

After half term, we have plans to:

- Introduce you (at least virtually!) to key people you will be working with in the coming year
- Set you a Summer Literacy Task on a book you will be working on in September
- Set you a Learning Ready Challenge for the summer
- Give you the opportunity to hear from some of our students who have been through Year 7 this year and to ask them questions if you need to
- Introduce you to our Year 7 Handbook for Students and for Parents
- Outline what you will be doing in your first week at Hertswood
- Guide you on how to purchase uniform for September

Stevensons, our uniform supplier, has already confirmed that it will continue to run it's online order service and to make bookings to attend their shop in St Albans, and we will bring you more details of this when we have them.

We will make sure that any tasks or information that are absolutely necessary, such as key documentation or form filling is highlighted as important. This week, the questionnaire is absolutely crucial and the sooner we receive the information, the more quickly we can begin working on any concerns that you might have. I look forward to finding out much more about you and to meeting you all very soon

Kind regards,

(Mrs) Debbie White (Assistant Headteacher) and Everyone at Hertswood Academy

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