

Induction Events and Hertswood Summer School

Dear Year 6 Family,

Miss Webb, your new Head of Learning, and I have been meeting with lots of your Year 6 teachers this week, and it has been a real delight to begin to find out more about you... we cannot wait to finally meet you!

Induction Evening Thursday 1st July 5.30-7pm

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting guidance on whether we will be able to host families *in school* for our Induction Evening. Assuming that the Government continues to ease Covid restrictions on the 21st of June, we are intending to run our Induction Evening in school on Thursday 1st July from 5.30-7pm. On this evening, we are hoping that you and your parents will get time to meet with your tutor and tutor group for the first time, as well as get key information from Miss Webb, your Head of Learning, and Mr Gillett, our Headteacher. If the easing of restrictions is delayed, we will run this event virtually so that you still get to meet these key people and feel more informed before attending our Induction Day on Thursday 8th July.

Induction Day Thursday 8th July 9.30am-2pm

On Thursday 8th July, all Hertfordshire schools are holding the county 'Moving Up Day', and all Year 6 students will be able to visit their new schools for the day. To help parents manage other school drop off and collection duties, we will be starting this day at 9.30am and finishing at 2:00pm. Students should attend in their current school uniform, and will not need Hertswood uniform for this event. Further details about this day will follow shortly.

Year 6 Summer School

To help students develop confidence in their new school surroundings even further, we are offering the opportunity to attend a one week Summer School at Hertswood Academy at the beginning of the Summer Holiday. We will be starting on Thursday 22nd July and running until Wednesday 28th July. (Students who do not finish term until Thursday 22nd July may begin from Friday 23rd July.)

Following the interruption of lockdown in their education, as part of the Government post-lockdown catch up programme and to help prepare them for Secondary School, students will work on core academic skills. Alongside this, they will get the opportunity to participate in a range of fun challenges to develop social skills and familiarity with other students in their new year group. The activities will all be run by Hertswood Academy staff, which will enable the students to build relationships with some of their new teachers before they begin the new academic year.

The Summer School will run from *9:00am until 2.30pm daily* and will be free of charge. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, but are open to everyone. If you would like to book a place at the Summer School, [please complete the Google Form by clicking here](#).

Take a Virtual Look Around!

We are very conscious that many of you have never actually been able to visit the school previously because of Covid, so we thought you might like a short video tour to help you get to know what to expect. I asked Emily in Year 7 to be your guide. [See her tour of the school by clicking here](#).

Finally, a reminder to complete the admissions form (if you have not managed to do so already). A copy of the [Google Form can be found by clicking here](#). Enjoy the sunshine now that it has finally arrived!

Kind regards,
Debbie White