

## Cancellation of Onsite Induction Events

Good Afternoon,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to confirm that, sadly, **we have had to cancel our plans to bring Year 6 parents and students *on-site* for the Induction Evening on Thursday July 1st and the Induction Day on Thursday 8th July.** Following updated advice from HCC we have had to accept that we may no longer bring all of the students onto our site at one time due to the risk of Covid transmission across primary schools.

### Programme of Alternative Events

We have rapidly drawn up a programme of alternative events to help replace the loss of these two events in our programme and now intend to release a pre-recorded Induction Event *virtually* on the evening of Thursday 8th July alongside some other remote information releases.

- We have already sent out an email including a **virtual tour**- now available on our website.
- Later this week, in place of the Induction Evening, we will send out a recorded **introduction to Cat Webb, the Head of Learning** for Year 7 for next year.
- Next week we will issue a **handbook**, full of information and activities for students starting Year 7 at Hertswood, and their families.
- On Thursday 8th July we will send out an individualised, **virtual Induction Evening**, introducing each student to their **form tutor, house** and talking them through school life and expectations. This will be pre-recorded and issued via email to enable us to tailor it for each individual student.
- In the final week of term, we will send out our '**Learning Ready Challenge**'- a series of learning tasks to keep students' minds sharp over the long summer break and to help prepare them for the independent learning required at secondary school.
- The first day in school for Year 7 in the Autumn Term will be Thursday 2nd September and will be for Year 7 students *only*.

### Summer School

As the restrictions are likely to be lifted on Monday 19th July, I am thrilled to say that our Summer School will be proceeding as planned (unless we receive last minute guidance to say otherwise!). In the absence of our on-site Induction Day, it will be even more valuable for students to spend time with us over the summer. Here is a reminder of some of the details:

- Summer School will run from Thursday 22nd to Wednesday 28th July from 9am -2.30pm daily.
- Students may arrive from 8.30am.
- Students may wear their own clothes every day, which should be suitable for practical and sporting activities and be appropriate for school.
- Students will be given a school lunch every day, free of charge.
- Students will complete 'catch up' work in Maths and English for up to 2 hours each day in line with the Government Summer Catch Up Scheme.
- Students will complete team building activities every day including physical challenges and arts activities.
- Students will compete to win the Summer School House Cup 2021 for their House!
- We will send out more details of the schedule, to all registered students, in the week of the 13th July, so that students will know what to expect before arriving.

**There are still places available, so if you would still like to register, please complete this form: [Summer School Full Registration Form](#).**

We have now spoken at length with the Year 6 Teachers of nearly all of the students and we are very excited about the wonderful year group starting with us in September. Whilst we are disappointed that we will not be able to meet all of you on the 1st and 8th July, as planned, we are very much looking forward to getting to know lots of you at Summer School and to seeing all of you on our first day for Year 7 on 2nd September. In the meantime, we will be in touch frequently over the next few weeks, to make sure you are clear about everything you need to know and feel confident to start secondary school with us.

Kind regards,  
Debbie White