

Dear Year 6 Families,

Thank you for your patience with the release of these materials, we have now developed a plan for the beginning of term, which I have outlined in the Transition Handbook included here.

Transition Handbook 2021

Next week, we will be contacting all of our students, including Year 6 into 7 about our testing programme for the beginning of the Autumn Term. Testing for Year 7 next year will begin on Tuesday 31st August and you will be sent times to attend to complete lateral flow tests before term begins. More guidance on what the test involves and your right to opt out of the testing will be included in the guidance sent out next week.

Year 7 will start term fully on Monday 6th September, later than our intended date, due to the testing programme that we now have to undertake. Their first day will be until 1pm only and they will have most of the school to themselves, to enable them to find their way around before full lessons begin. They will spend the day with their form tutor and will have an operational lunchtime so that they can see how the canteen works. Students who have packed lunch should therefore bring one on the first day.

I hope that you will find the booklet here useful and that it answers many of your questions. Your child can find out their form tutor and their house by watching the introductory video that we have also included.

[Please contact the [school office](#) if you have not received the Introduction video from your child's form tutor]

Next week, I will send out the Learning Ready Challenge, in time for completion over the summer holiday. This will enable students to keep their minds sharp and to earn house points before the term has even begun! More details next week...

Finally, I still have some places available for our Summer School running from Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 28th July. You can apply for a place by [clicking here to fill in the application form](#).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions. If you have any worries or anxieties over the holiday, I will be available to answer concerns on the email address: 6to7@hertswoodacademy.org and I am happy to put students' minds at rest about any questions or worries, no matter how trivial you think their concerns might seem.

Kind regards,

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