



Dear parent/carer,

RE: New Year 7 Summer School 2023 – Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August 2023 (10am-2pm Daily)

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured funding to be able to deliver a 3-day Summer School for new year 7 students in August. The aim of this week is for students to familiarise themselves with the school site, make friends, meet key staff, and take part in some exciting activities. I can confirm that your son/daughter has been signed up for this event and we have received the online consent form.

Students will take part in a carousel of 9 sessions throughout the week (3 per day). These include experiencing life in a Saxon village and Second World War trench, pond dipping, team games, archery, low ropes and exploring the caving system in our own Outdoor Learning Centre. Academic options such as Mathematic challenges, Art, Science experiments and creative writing tasks will also make up the programme. A Presentation is planned for the last session of the week to recognise the achievements of all students. We are really excited about these sessions and know your son/daughter will really enjoy these hands on, informative and practical sessions.

The 3-day summer school will run from **Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August 2023**. The timings for each day will be **10am to 2pm**. On the first day please bring your son/daughter to the main reception where staff will be on hand to direct them to our main hall for a brief welcome. There will be a 30-minute break each day where snacks (biscuits, crisps, fruit and drinks etc) will be provided. Students may also bring a packed lunch/drink with them, although this is optional.

It is suggested students attend in comfortable and loose-fitting clothing and trainers as we will be spending a lot of time outside in our onsite Outdoor Learning Centre. As this is outside and exposed to the elements, please do not send students in with designer, expensive or new clothing that you do not want to get dirty. Please note students will not be permitted to have mobile devices with them also. If weather is inclement then a coat or rain jacket will be needed. On the flip side if it is very warm and sunny, please do ensure students have sun cream applied before they arrive.

There will be a lot of staff involved in this week and we have tried to ensure the ratio of teacher to students is low to aid transition and ensure we can support all students. We are currently looking at a ratio of 1:5. Key staff such as College Leaders, Learning Mentors, Teaching Assistants and SEND staff will also be in attendance to observe and get to know as many of the students as possible. We are all looking forward to getting to further know our new year 7 intake.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy 0121 329 8300 or via email lparfitt@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk. We really do hope your son/daughter enjoys the planned activities and we look forward to getting to meet you all very soon. Take care!

Best wishes,

Lee Parfitt (College Leader for Transition)