



Herschel Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have an exciting opportunity to offer your child, in order to aid their transition to secondary school – we are running a **FREE summer school!**

We appreciate that the last year has not been easy for children, and think the summer school will offer a chance for them to brush up on their academic skills, as well as participating in a range of enrichment activities that may have been off limits during the pandemic. Children's physical and mental wellbeing have been affected by the events of the past year, and we think this summer school will be a **valuable opportunity to have fun, make new friends, and become more confident** with their transition away from primary school.

They will also have the opportunity to **meet some of our fantastic staff**, who will be planning and delivering the activities, as well as learn their way around the school building.

The school will run from **Monday 9th August for 5 days**, and will incorporate **numeracy and literacy lessons**, as well as lots of fun enrichment activities such as sport, the arts, and teambuilding, all of which have been proven to have a **positive impact on wellbeing**, which in turn positively impacts **academic attainment**. One of the days will be an off-site field trip, and we might even have some giant inflatables on the school field on one of the days!

Please be aware that whilst the summer school is **completely free for you**, our funding for this summer school is based on attendance, so it is critical that your child attend if you accept a place. If circumstances change between acceptance of a place, and the start of the event, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can adjust provisions accordingly. Pupils will be expected to attend all of the five days. As we will be planning our activities around the number of pupils accepting a place, there will be a fee of £50 applicable if you accept a place for your child, but do not attend, to help us cover our costs. This cost will be collected in September if needed.

We are hoping that as many of our new Year 7 cohort will be able to attend this invaluable experience, and look forward to your confirmation of attendance.

Please confirm whether or not you would like to accept a place, by completing this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IB6jKp18V0qdNjHqbMP4JDRYAatv3LJEInD48XpxWUIUQUhQWUtXVzNEV09NRThLVji3NjIUMFFPUC4u>

It would be helpful if you could complete the form, even if you are not accepting a place (there will be an option to select 'no'), so that we can get an idea of how many parents/guardians have responded.

Dates – Monday 9th- Friday 13th August 2021

Location – Herschel Grammar School

Times – 9am-3pm (subject to alteration)

Deadline for accepting a place is MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021.

I look forward to seeing you and your child in August! You will receive further details in due course, including specific activities on offer, and arrangements for lunch, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch via the email address below.

Kind regards

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