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13th July 2021.

Subject: Year 6 transition to Netherhall School.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am writing to provide you with a further update on our transition arrangements ahead of your son or daughter beginning their studies with us at Netherhall School in the autumn term.

The first day of the autumn term for year 7 students will be on **Thursday 2nd September**. Students should arrive at school and congregate in the **McCarron Yard (the yard closest to the sports centre) by 8.35am**, where they will meet their new form tutors, enjoy their first assembly in the Ellen Theatre and then be taken to their new tutor rooms. Only year 7 and 12 students will be in school on this date, so our new students have the opportunity to find their bearings before our other year groups begin their term on Friday 3rd September.

During the morning session, between periods 1 and 2, from 8.55am-10.50am, students will spend time in their new tutor groups getting to know their new tutor and classmates (with morning break between 9.45am-10.00am). Students will enjoy a tour of the school, an interactive session on how to use the school's on-line learning platform Edulink One, while timetables will be issued and any important announcements will be made as they begin the new school year.

Students will then have their lunch break during period 3, between 10.50am-11.40am. In terms of canteen arrangements, parents have already completed their online registration for the school's cashless catering system, and codes to enable the use of this will be issued within the first week of the autumn term. The canteen will accept cash payments in the interim period and it is recommended that students bring £3.50p dinner money each day, or are welcome to bring their own packed lunch.

During periods 4, 5, 6 and 7, students will begin to meet their teachers in their regular lessons (there will be no need to bring PE kit on the first day of term) and **the school day will end at 3pm**.

On Friday 3rd September, year 7 students will be expected to be in school by 8.35am, ready for registration which will begin at 8.50am, and will continue to follow their formal timetable.

A further important notice for parents is to inform you that we do intend to hold the Year 7 Induction Evening for the parents of year 7 students on the evening of Thursday 2nd September, between 6-8pm. I will be in touch with you later in the summer holidays to confirm that we are able to go ahead with this event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have signed their son or daughter up to our summer school activities programme. We have over 85 students who have signed up so far for a variety of sessions and if you would like your son or daughter to take part and haven't signed up to the sessions yet, please click the following link: [Year 6 Transition Summer School Timetable](#) and we will book you onto the provision.

If all parents could now also complete the [online permission form](#) to confirm they have given permission for their son or daughter to take place in the summer school, that would be much appreciated, as it is a prerequisite for the school to secure funding for our summer school from the DfE.

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The summer school sessions will begin each day at 10am-12noon for the morning sessions, while the afternoon sessions will take place each day between 12.30-2.30pm. If students could congregate in the McCarron Yard prior to each session, they will be met by the staff who will take them for each session. With regards to lunch arrangements, students are welcome to join us for a free lunch on each day of their attendance, which will take place in the school canteen between 12-12.30pm. If you would like your son or daughter to have a free lunch on each day of their participation, then please click on the following link to confirm your child's place and to note any specific dietary requirements **before 9am on Friday 16th July: [Year 6 Transition Summer School - Free lunch booking form](#)**. If your child would prefer to bring their own packed lunch this is of course fine, and students are also welcome to leave at the end of the morning session at 12 noon, or to join us for the beginning of the afternoon session at 12.30pm.

Finally, I have attached a copy of our '[Year 7 Transition Summer Activities](#)' booklet. Here we have provided a range of tasks from each subject that your son or daughter will enjoy with us at Netherhall School from September. The activities are not compulsory, but we have supplied these activities to support students over the summer holidays, to help keep them entertained and to help prepare them for the start of the autumn term. A variety of activities are provided, which are all different in length; students are welcome to complete some or indeed all of the activities as they choose, and all work completed should be brought in to school at the start of the autumn term to be assessed by your child's subject teachers.

I would like to close by saying how much I have enjoyed meeting our new year 7 students through our Teams meetings in recent weeks and how much we are all looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 students to Netherhall School in September.

I will be in touch in the last week of the summer holidays to provide you all with a reminder of our arrangements for the first day of term on Thursday 2nd September, and to provide confirmation that our open evening will take place on the evening of Thursday 2nd September.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for a well-earned summer holiday and if you have any queries at all, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me by email at m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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