



**THE
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the extension of the current Covid-19 restrictions, we regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to host our Transition Week for our prospective Year 7 students within the Academy as planned. The safety of our Academy community, as well as the children of our local primary schools, is our main priority. As a result of this, we have decided the best option is to move our transition events online.

In preparation for your child joining us in September, we would like to inform you of the events we are hosting in order to safely introduce them to the Academy and its staff.

Our staff have been meeting (in person, or virtually) with your child's Year 6 teachers to help the academy to be more cognisant of their learning experience, to date, to ensure our staff are able to support and work seamlessly with our students upon their arrival.

Ms Morawska, our Principal, is going to do her level best to have a virtual 'hello' to all our Year 6s who will be joining us and she will endeavour to complete this enjoyable task before the end of the term.

We will also be sending out a Year 6 Transition pack for your child to work on and return to the academy in September.

Virtual Parents, Carers and Students Introduction to The Hastings Academy Evening

Wednesday 7th July 2021, 5pm - 6pm

This online event will allow both you and your child to meet key staff and learn more about your child's arrival into the academy in September

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams. You will be sent a link to enable your attendance. We very much look forward to seeing you there, as this will be an opportunity to learn a good deal about our pastoral system.



Summer School 2021

Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August 2021, 9am – 3pm (students to arrive at 8:45am)

Eggtooth, along with The Hastings Academy staff will be delivering The Hastings Academy Transition Summer School.

The Summer School is a very popular week, and we are limited to the number of students we can accommodate. Places at the Summer School as well as the allocation to teams will be on a **first come first served basis**.

Some teams are also limited due to a maximum number. In the event that the team you wish your child to be a part of reaches its maximum number, we will offer you your 2nd choice team, so please ensure you select a different team as your 2nd choice.

All students will experience a taster session of all the other Teams activities.

The Summer School is a varied, fun and exciting week that is based on site at The Hastings Academy.

We will be providing a free healthy breakfast for all students every morning, however, a packed lunch is needed for lunchtime. If your child is eligible for free school meals, we will provide lunch for them.

There are 5 teams to choose from:

1. **Team Sport:** You will focus on the following sports: football, cricket, boxing, golf, personal fitness, nutrition, table tennis and basketball.
2. **Team Cook:** You will work with a professional chef. You will create dishes that are local, national and international and you will cook with ingredients you may or may not recognise!
3. **Team Perform:** Under the guidance of professional musicians and performers you will experiment with musical instruments and sounds. You will play games and learn a lot about yourself. If you sing this will be a brilliant opportunity to develop your voice and your performing skills.
4. **Team Forest:** You will spend the whole of your sessions in The Hastings Academy woodland area. You will learn woodcraft skills, fire lighting, shelter building, survival techniques and understand the local wildlife and environment.
5. **Team Create:** You will be based in the Art Room with professional artists. You will paint, draw, learn about colour, illustrate and make some fantastic pieces of art.

The Summer School week will be professionally filmed, edited and produced by REDKITE FILMS and available for all students and parents to download to remind them of their special time at The Hastings Academy Summer School 2021.

We will write to you nearer the time to confirm your team and further details of the week.

Please complete the following form if you wish to sign your child up for either of these events: <https://forms.office.com/r/pDtqLuHpH5>

We are really disappointed that we cannot meet with you all, face to face, for after missing last year, too,



we were so looking forward to spending time with you. However, do not worry, for we will be looking after you upon your arrival in September, where you will be welcomed into your pastoral House.

Kind regards,
Mr Edward Rose
Head of Year 7

