

Netherhall School

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6th July 2023

Dear Student / Parent / Carer,

It has been a great pleasure to have welcomed your child to Netherhall School over the last 2 weeks for their initial taster visit; the students have all been a great credit to you and to their primary schools and we hope that they enjoyed the time they spent with us and that the visits have helped to put them at their ease ahead of their transition to join us in September.

I am writing to you today to provide you with a final reminder of the key information I sent out last week ahead of our upcoming Open Day and Open Evening events which will take place on Wednesday 12th July, along with full details of our summer school programme and a link to enable you to sign up to the sessions you would like your son or daughter to participate in.

The Open Day will begin at 8.30am and students should meet in the Ellen Yard at the front of school. Following this, students will enjoy a 'Welcome to Netherhall School' assembly taken by Mr Tromans, Headteacher of Netherhall School and myself. The Open Day itself will then begin with a tutor period, followed by breaktime refreshments. Taster lessons in maths and English will then follow, before students have lunch in the school canteen between 11.40-12.30pm. There is no need for parents to supply their child with money on the day, as meals will be provided free of charge to all students. Following lunch, students will enjoy a further lesson in either art, RE or music, before the whole year group will take part in a rounders competition on the Astro turf during the afternoon session. The Open Day will conclude in the Ellen Theatre with a review of the day hosted by Mr Tromans and myself, before students depart at 2.45pm. Students are welcome to wear PE uniform on the day to avoid the need to change ahead of the afternoon's sports event.

Following our Open Day for students on Wednesday 12th July, we will also be holding an **Open Evening for students and parents** in two sessions. **The first session for students who have been placed in 7 Adair, 7 Christian and 7 Fleming will be held between 5.00pm-6.15pm and will feature a 'Welcome to Netherhall School' presentation by Mr Tromans and myself between 5.00pm-5.15pm in the Ellen Theatre.** Following the initial presentation, tutor groups will have individual presentations from Mr Stephenson on the use of Edulink One to promote good communication between the school and parents, Mrs Holliday and Mrs Johnstone will supply information over attendance protocols, health care, medicine plans and safeguarding, while Mr Barlow will provide information on literacy interventions. There will also be the opportunity for parents and students to take refreshments during the evening.

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The second session for students who have been placed in 7 Ismay, 7 Lister and 7 Senhouse will be held between 6.45pm-8.00pm and will feature a 'Welcome to Netherhall School' presentation by Mr Tromans and myself between 6.45pm-7.00pm in the Ellen Theatre, before going on to the same individual presentations as detailed above for the first evening session.

The final information I am forwarding to you today comes in relation to our summer school programme, which will run between Monday 14th August – Friday 25th August. Attendance at the summer school is, of course, optional, and students can attend as many or as few of the sessions as they like. We very much hope that your son or daughter will choose to join us for some of the summer school sessions that are available, as it has proven to be an absolutely fantastic way for students to make new friends, to get used to their new school, and to set themselves up for an excellent start to the autumn term with us in September. The summer school sessions will run between 10am-12noon for the morning sessions, with a free lunch provided for all students who would like one between 12noon-12.30pm. The afternoon sessions will take place from 12.30pm-2.30pm, before we close for the day. If you would like your son or daughter to sign up to any of the sessions which are available in sports, music, English, arts, crafts, cookery or science-based activities, then please sign up to the sessions available in the attached link: [SUMMER SCHOOL 2023](#). Please make a note of any sessions that you have chosen for your child, which can of course be changed or swapped at any time; I would simply like an indication of how many students are interested in the provision at this point, so I am able to ensure that the summer school is adequately staffed for both the activities and for canteen arrangements; for this reason, I would politely request that you sign up to any sessions by Friday 14th July, so I am able to complete my planning for the summer school.

I would like to close by saying how much we are all looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 students for their full Open Day and Open Evening events next Wednesday, 12th July. Following this, I will be in touch with our closing arrangements to conclude this year's transition programme. In the meantime, 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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