

1 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Two Week Summer School at Isleworth & Syon for Year 7 into Year 8

I write to invite your son/ward to attend our two-week Summer School. This year the focus of our summer school is on **both** leadership and literacy. The Summer School will take place over two weeks at the end of August, from:

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| SPORT AND LEADERSHIP: | Monday 16 to Friday 20 August (8.30am to 3.00pm each day). |
| LITERACY AND DISCOVERY: | Monday 23 to Friday 27 August (8.30am to 3.00pm each day). |

The Two Main Objectives of Summer School

- To raise academic standards after a hugely disruptive 18 months; on average, evidence suggests that pupils who attend summer school make approximately two to four additional months' progress, compared to similar pupils who do not attend.
- To provide your son/ward with an early, positive induction to Year 8.

Key Messages Which Will be Promoted Throughout

- **Responsible citizens:** students must be punctual, well-organised and courteous. Standard English language must be used: no slang. These are core, soft skills or competencies which will allow your son/ward to be *ready to learn* at Isleworth & Syon School. This requires individual student leadership and responsibility. Our mantra is: learners as leaders.
- **Successful students:** young people will be encouraged to try out all activities even though some may be challenging. When students find things difficult, they must display resilience and learn from their mistakes; this includes more practise and re-drafting of work. Our mantra is: practise makes permanent.
- **Confident learners:** students must try to display a positive attitude, "*can do*" attitude. They must cooperate effectively with others as well as ask curious and inquisitive questions of their teachers. We ask students to develop their reading. Our mantra is: little and often.

Summer School has only 30 places for students currently Year 7, progressing into Year 8. The Summer School is **FREE** of charge.

Securing a Place on Summer School

Respond [here](#) to register your **expression of interest** for your son/ward. The deadline is Monday 5 July at 9.00am. Confirmation will be sent out next week.

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Completing 10 Days of Summer School

Be aware that students must complete all ten days of Summer School. Those students who complete all ten days and have 100% punctuality will receive a school study resource kit including free earbud headphones as well as other useful resources.

Further details about the Summer School will be circulated by email or text during the summer holidays.

I hope that you reflect on the above and discuss the programme with your son/ward. I attach some student and parent/carer quotations from 2015, the last year we ran a similar project. It is truly an outstanding summer programme.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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- My son enjoyed all aspects of the summer school. Although he has been feeling scared about starting secondary school, I believe that being in the summer school has definitely helped to eliminate some of those fears. He has also made some friends.
- He enjoyed it so much, the BBQ was a great idea to get the boys and families together. I hope this can be repeated during the year.
- Summer School has been definitely worth attending. It has been an enlightening experience for my son who has made lots of friends. This will help him integrate well into Year 7 with a confident start.
- It was lovely. Summer School very enjoyable and educative for my son. I hope it keeps going; very well organised.
- What a wonderful idea. X has really enjoyed it. I have enjoyed hearing the tales and the yummy muffins that he made. Also, the homework has been done and the book signed - good training for the parents. The BBQ at the end is a good idea. It was nice to see the teachers relax after all the effort they put had in. Summer School is a great idea, from a wonderful school. I can see X being very happy at the school.
- An excellent idea. My son really enjoyed the two weeks. A special thanks to all the teachers for their support.
- (Name) has enjoyed very much his time and again he has made friends. I think the Summer School has taken the worries of going to secondary school from a small primary school. It has also built his confidence. Thanks for all your support.
- Thank you so much, the Summer School was just awesome. My son is more confident now and he has really enjoyed it. The last day was even great - we all enjoyed the BBQ. Thank you!
- The Summer School was really helpful. My son really enjoyed it and it was a good start for the new school. Thank you Mr Fisher!
- Really good. My son enjoyed both weeks. Now I have personal experience of how good it is as a parent I will be highly recommending it to the Year 6 boys at Marlborough next year.
- Name has really enjoyed the Summer School, even the second week where he was doing lessons. Summer School is a brilliant idea as it gives all the boys a chance to experience school life before September. I would like to say a big 'thank-you' to everyone who was involved in the running of Summer School!
- Amazing! We enjoyed it a lot. Food is lovely, very nicely presented. Really good. Thanks for inviting us. We have had a great time here, thank you!
- Brilliant opportunity for the children to get to know the school and each other. My son feels much more comfortable with the support provided in this introduction. Keep up the good work!
- My son has really enjoyed himself. Although he was very nervous about coming, he has made some good friends and he is now really looking forward to starting school next week. Many thanks!

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- It was a wonderful start to Year 7. My son enjoyed everything about Summer School. So for that I thank you and your team for making my son welcome to the school.
 - On your invitation I attended the closing function on Friday 29th August at the tennis club. It's my pleasure to see activities provided by the staff at school. I am very happy.
 - On behalf of my son and I, we would like to thank you for giving him the opportunity to attend Summer School and for all the staff's hard work. He enjoyed both weeks and learnt a lot. Thanks once again from us both.
 - My son has enjoyed the Summer School. He worked hard for the duration and was very happy.
 - My son enjoyed Summer School, he even enjoyed the reading! I and my husband enjoyed the muffins. Many thanks!
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