



Sherburn High School

Headteacher: Ms Miriam Oakley

Garden Lane, Sherburn In Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6AS

Tel: 01977 682442

Web: www.sherburnhigh.co.uk

Email: admin@shs.starmat.uk



Our Ref:CMC/MCM

July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As we near towards the end of the academic year, we are busy putting the finishing touches to our Summer School in August. Below, we have tried to give as many details as possible regarding our plans so that your child(ren) feels prepared and comfortable with the week at hand. We have also included a FAQ section towards the bottom.

The plan for the week:

Details of our plan can be found on the transition website. We have based our five activity days around five themes, each with a range of engaging and practical activities to suit every interest. Each day is independent, so there's no concern if your child was unable to attend the whole week – there will be something different every day.

Dates:

Spot the deliberate mistake on the Summer School postcard! We will be running our Summer School between Monday 23rd August 2021 and Friday 27th August 2021. Although it would have been nice to have the Saturday as well, we think five days will be enough.

Arrivals & Departures:

Students can arrive on site from 8:30am with activities for the day starting at 08:45am. Students will be ready to collect at 2:15pm each day. Please email summerschool@shs.starmat.uk if your child(ren) have your permission to walk home independently.

There are two entrances to the school. Both entrances are accessible to those arriving and departing by foot. Our New Lane entrance is the car drop off and pick up point. Pedestrians travelling from Garden Lane must use the pedestrian gate and not the car park entrance. Staff will be stationed at the gates for arrival and departure times and will be on hand should you have any questions.

Catering:

We are offering catering as part of our Summer Programme as an alternative to packed lunches. We will have a selection of meal deal options available for students and can be paid for via the Parent Pay system. Ordering for these meals will be sent out in advance prior to the Summer School and there will be a deadline for orders, so please keep an eye on your emails if this is something you might be interested in. Students may bring their own packed lunches but please bear in mind we are a 'nut free' school.

For students who are eligible for Free School Meals, their Parent Pay accounts will already be credited to cover this.

Equipment:

Students do not need to bring any specific equipment for the Summer School. All materials, including pencil case items will be provided for the week. We recommend that students bring with them a water bottle that is clearly named as the weather could be hot (fingers crossed!).

Clothing:

We do not want students to wear school uniform for this week, normal activity-style clothing is expected. We will use the Summer School as an opportunity for uniform ordered via the school to be sent home.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Please be aware that some of our activities will be messy, and so older clothing that you don't mind getting dirty and/or stained is advised. Similarly, some of our external activities are best suited to trousers, for example, inflatables, to reduce the risk of friction burn. We do not however have the facilities for students to change clothes during the day.

We will be delivering the majority of our programme outside. We suggest that students bring clothing suitable for the weather of the day; this could mean coats and/or jumpers if the weather is not on our side. Please remember to apply sun cream and bring a hat if needed.

Trainers and/or active footwear is advised.

Friday's Celebration Event:

We would like to take this opportunity as well to formally invite parents/carers to join us for our celebration event on Friday afternoon (27th August) between 1:30pm and 2:15pm. This will be a great opportunity to see what we have been up to over the week and enjoy an activity or two with your children.

Coronavirus Update:

Our number one priority continues to be the safety of our staff and students. We will continue to follow guidance from Public Health England. Following Government guidance, there will be no need for students to undertake Lateral Flow Tests in school, however, should any student feel unwell or show symptoms of Coronavirus during the lead up to, and during the week of Summer School, these students need to remain at home until a negative test result from a PCR test. Staff will continue to complete LFTs at home daily to minimise the potential spread of Covid-19.

The advice from Public Health England and The Department for Education continues to be updated. We will be in contact again closer to the time should any of the above change. If we do not send out additional updates, then the above precautions remain in place.

Further Support / Contacts:

Should you need any more information or to make us aware of any requirements/changes to what we already know, please contact summerschool@shs.starmat.uk. Please note however that over the summer holidays this email address will only be checked periodically.

Prior to the start of the week, we will send out a school telephone number that we will be using for the Summer School. This will only be active for the week of Summer School and not before. The main school number will not be active over the summer holidays.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Callum McIntyre
Summer School Co-ordinator
Sherburn High School

FAQs:

Will students be working in groups?

Students will be split into teams for the week to help them get to know a smaller group of students really well and build team-building skills. There will however be opportunities for all students to mix together.

Will students be in their form groups or houses?

No. We will not be using form groups or any other class groups for this week. We want students to mix with as many of their peers as possible.

Will other year groups be on site during the summer school?

No. This is an opportunity for our new Year 7 students to enjoy the whole school all to themselves.

Will you be teaching “lesson lessons”?

Our programme of activities has been designed to be active and fun. Students will be moving around a lot and getting their hands dirty with different projects.

What if my child needs to take medication during the school day?

If this applies to you, please email summerschool@shs.starmat.uk and bring your child's medication with you on the first day and you will be able to speak to one of our First Aiders. Medication will need to be delivered by an adult and not by your child.

I can't remember what days we booked for Summer School. What days should we attend?

Please email summerschool@shs.starmat.uk if you have any changes or queries regarding Summer School sign up.