



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

Preparation for September at Hoe Valley School

I hope you and your families are well and that you are looking forward to joining the Hoe Valley School community.

Induction

We intend to run all of our Induction Events this year so please add these dates to your diary.

- **Tuesday 13th June, 4.30-6.30pm - Virtual 1-1 parent meetings with the Leadership Team**
- **Monday 26th June, 6.00-7.00pm - Induction Evening for Parents (in School)**
- **Tuesday 27th June, 9.00am – 3.00pm - Induction Day for all Year 6 students (in School)**

More information will be sent to you when we return from half term regarding individual appointments for the virtual 1-1 parent meetings.

Google Classroom & Summer Work

As you know, we are a Google School and every child is allocated a Chromebook on their first day of Year 7 in the Autumn Term. We are very aware that your child will have a long break between finishing their SATs and starting their secondary education in early September, and to keep their brains fresh, we would like to offer online learning in the core subjects; English, Maths and Science. These lessons and materials are designed to help your child successfully transition from Primary to Secondary School and keep their brains fresh throughout the Summer holidays.

Your child's individual Google sign-in details will follow by email the week beginning 5th June. If you have a Google account already, you can join the following Google Classrooms with the codes below:

- English Google Classroom Code is **nafvzzh**
- Maths Google Classroom Code is **uvwp2rm**
- Science Google Classroom Code is **qxvsue5**

To help you understand and use Google Classrooms, [click here](#) to access the help sheet on our website. Our Heads of Faculties will post lessons and preparatory work on these classrooms for your child to complete during the Summer Term and, although there is no obligation for your child to complete this work, my advice is that whatever they do between now and arriving at Hoe Valley School in September will be hugely beneficial to their learning and preparation for Year 7.

Mr Grant, our Deputy Head of English has created a Summer Reading Booklet for your children to complete which will help their new teachers get to know them better. Please keep it safe and bring it with you to Hoe Valley in September. You can either print it out and your child fills it in by hand, or they can type their responses by accessing it on the English Google Classroom. [Click here](#) to view it on our website.

Practical Tips from your KS3 Pastoral Lead, Miss Masters.

I am sure you will have lots of questions ranging from what a typical Year 7 timetable looks like to Prep and Enrichment. Our KS3 Pastoral lead, Miss Masters, has put together a Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet and Survival Guide, which you can read [here](#).

Uniform and PE Kit

You will find full details of our school uniform on the Year 6 Transition page on our website [here](#). Our uniform supplier, Valentinos of Knaphill offers a full fitting service at their shop or if you prefer you can also order uniform online on their website [here](#).

Their annual time-limited discount offer is also now running to assist with the cost of school uniform in what is a very difficult year for everyone as follows:

15% OFF all School uniform purchases between **22nd - 28th May 2023**, with Discount code **SUMMER15**
10% OFF all School uniform purchases between **29th May - 4th June 2023**, with Discount code **SUMMER10**
"All items will be subject to the normal returns policy, and sizing can be exchanged right up until schools open for the next school year."

You will notice, that one of the items on our compulsory PE kit is a house-coloured t-shirt which is only available from Valentino's - your child will be advised of their house on the 1st day of term in September, but to allow you to purchase this item using the discount, Valentinos will be able to process a pre-order for you, with the house colour to be updated at the start of term. They will kindly deliver any pre-ordered t-shirts into school for distribution. Their staff will guide you through this process and their website is currently being updated to reflect this.

I will of course keep you informed of any new developments and changes to our transition programme should they occur and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Davies
Head Teacher