

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 7 Induction Day: Friday 4 September 2026, Pre-Season Sport and Events

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the recent Parent Welcome Evening and I hope your daughter enjoyed Welcome to Habs Day. Having received many messages of thanks, I am pleased these events have been worthwhile and I extend again the warmest welcome to you all as members of the Middle School community.

The Autumn term begins for all students in Year 7 on Friday 4 September, when students will be establishing acquaintances, learning the processes, navigating the site and preparing themselves to meet the rest of the school and begin lessons thereafter on the Monday. The Induction Day gives students the space for settling in, getting to know their tutor and many of their peers. It is also a time for making new friendships.

Students should arrive for 8.30am and the day will end at 2.30pm.

During the Induction Day, students will be given their timetable, devices, have their photographs taken, get to know their way around the school and learn how to use their lockers. Staff and prefects will be in the coach and car drop off areas to welcome and escort students to their venues.

Travelling to school by car

If you are driving your child to school, please enter via the car park on Aldenham Road. You will be directed around the one-way system to drop your child off where she will be met by staff and prefects and taken to the Year 7 venue. Students should also be collected from this point at the end of the day.

Induction Day coach service

Any pupil can use the coach service on Induction Day. There is no charge for this service, however, all passengers must pre-book their ticket. For full details of the timetable and ticket booking, please refer to the accompanying letter titled 'Induction Day coach service'.

A reduced service will be operating on Induction Day so please ensure that you know where your nearest Induction Day stop is located. You can check the location of all stops on the Habs coach network by clicking [here](#).



Uniform, equipment and lunch

All students should attend in full school uniform, and they should bring their school bag that includes a water bottle and a pencil case with at least a pen, pencil and ruler. Students will not be attending lessons, but they may need to write some notes in their booklets and to store their new device in their bag. Students do not need to bring their PE/Sports kit on this day.

School lunch will be provided for all students on Induction Day at no cost, although your child can bring a packed lunch if they wish to do so.

Mobile phones should be switched off on arrival in School and are not to be switched on again until the end of the school day. Should you need to contact your daughter during the school day, please telephone the Senior Girls' School Reception: 020 8266 2300.

Helpful points to note

Please make sure that all clothes and kit are labelled for the start of term and that any new items subsequently purchased are also clearly labelled. This includes pencil cases and water bottles.

Students should ensure their devices are fully charged for each school day. When devices are charged, students should not need to carry the power cable, which is an item less to carry. We do have spare cables in school should an unexpected issue arise.

Afternoon Tea, Pre-season sports training and workshop: Friday 18 September

On Friday 18 September, we would like to invite all Year 7 parents for Afternoon Tea from 3.00-5.15pm, during which the Year 7 students will be experiencing a Netball and Lacrosse taster session. All pupils will participate as part of their regular PE lesson from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and are then warmly encouraged to stay on for the extended session until 5:15pm which will finish in time for late coaches. There will be time to chat with your child's tutor and other parents while enjoying refreshments, and we will also provide a brief introduction to our sports platform, SOCS, outlining expectations for the sporting programme, and answer any sports-related questions you may have.

Any parents who are on a tight schedule can leave with their child after the presentation, and those who wish to watch the end of the training can join students and staff on the playing fields.

More information on this event will be shared at the beginning of September.

Sporting arrangements

Our first Saturday fixture will take place on Saturday 19 September. This will include an introductory lacrosse and netball match for Year 7, both will be a coaching-style game designed to help pupils learn the rules and enjoy playing in a friendly, supportive environment. Further information will be sent in September. The morning start time is to be confirmed, but the event will finish by 12.30pm.

The sporting co-curricular clubs available to Year 7 pupils next year will include Netball, Lacrosse, Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Swimming, Water Polo, Trampolining, Badminton, and Cricket. A full timetable and co-curricular programme will be sent out before the start of term.

Time and Space session: *Mums and daughters*, Wednesday 9 December (pm)

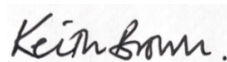
Time & Space founder Bill Jennings will be joining us again for a 'mums and daughters' workshop. Bill believes that meaningful and continued dialogue between parents and their adolescent children is critical to the often, challenging transition to successful adulthood.

Time & Space provides time to talk, to listen and to reflect in a trusting, safe space. Through guided conversation and reflection, Time & Space facilitators encourage meaningful communication and connection between parents and their children, and more information will be communicated to parents about this event in September. Last year's event was extremely well received with wonderful student and parent feedback, so please save the date.

If you have any queries regarding pre-season sports training, please contact sportsadmingirls@habselstree.org.uk. For any other enquiries, please contact officegirls@habselstree.org.uk. Please note that during the summer holiday period response times may be longer due to limited staff availability.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our new students on Friday 4 September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Keith Brown
Head of Middle School