



July 2021

## Induction Day and Summer School Details

Dear Family

It was with great sadness we were unable to offer face to face induction days this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. In response to this we have tried to put together two programmes to support the students before they come to us in September.

The first of these is our Virtual Induction Day. This is a series of videos, introductions and activities that you can work through at home at your own pace. We know that we have students joining us from over 20 different primary schools next year and that different families have different approaches and different access to ICT to allow access to this induction and so the site will be available all the way through to the end of term.

Our Induction Day site will go fully live at **8:00am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. If you log in before then, things may still be under construction.

There is [a live event](#) for students and parents with Mr Faux, the Principal which will start at 3:30pm, here there will be a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions. We will make sure a recording of the event is loaded up to the site if you miss it.

In the second part of this letter you will also find some more details about our Summer School. We know that 126 of you have said you are coming to Summer School and we look forward to meeting you in person on that day. An outline plan and arrival times are attached to this letter.

If you are unable to attend Summer School, do not worry, we will make sure you still have a great introduction to our Academy in September and we hope you enjoy the Summer Holiday.

If you have any questions about anything in this document or need to contact the Academy, you can reach us at [info@wbca.shirelandcat.net](mailto:info@wbca.shirelandcat.net) or by calling 0121 393 4850.

We look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Yours sincerely

George Faux  
Principal





## Induction Day

This document contains the following important information to allow your child to participate:

1. Your child's form group and form teacher.
2. Log in details to our Induction Portal.
3. The Induction Day plans including the link to the live event.

## Your New Form Teacher

1. Your child is in form **7.1 with Miss Gotschy**.
2. We would like you to complete this questionnaire with your child. It is an opportunity for them to tell the teacher a bit about yourself. If you would like to find a bit about your teacher, each teacher has done an introduction video on the site.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=M3cpbyH17EqwKDhN0u2mQ0jN5ss5RZhOk\\_wxrAxTc2tUQVpFQVJFOEpDMkgOTzFRT0dHQzIPUTg3Ni4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=M3cpbyH17EqwKDhN0u2mQ0jN5ss5RZhOk_wxrAxTc2tUQVpFQVJFOEpDMkgOTzFRT0dHQzIPUTg3Ni4u)

3. Here are the details to log on to our online Summer School Portal which is where they can access the online Induction Activities. As you explore you will find a folder where you can put any activities work with your name on it for your teacher to see.

This is the link to the Summer School Induction Site:

<https://shireland.sharepoint.com/sites/SummerSchool>

This is the generic username: [summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net](mailto:summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net)

This is the password (it is case sensitive): **Summer21**

4. On the next page, you can see a list of the items available in the induction site.

**PLEASE NOTE - Some parts of the Induction site are still being finalised.**

**The official release is 8am on Thursday, 8 July.**

**Be aware that if you log in before this time you may see some missing information.**



## Induction Day Activities

### Activity

#### Welcome

On the front page you can listen to a welcome message from the Principal, Mr Faux. It is best viewed on a computer or laptop but can be viewed on smartphones and tablets. If you receive a message asking you to log in, please use these details:  
 Username: [summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net](mailto:summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net)  
 Password (it is case sensitive): **Summer21**

#### Activity 1 - Explore the Academy

We would like you to go to WBCA section of the Summer School Portal or you can find it by clicking this link: <https://shireland.sharepoint.com/sites/SummerSchool/howto/SitePages/West-Bromwich-Collegiate-Academy.aspx>

**Get to know the Academy and its staff by watching these videos.**

- Tour of the Academy.
- A sneak preview of our new build.
- Videos about Academy life from WBCA students.
- An introduction from the Year 7 Form Teachers.
- Meet the senior staff and other staff in the Academy.
- Listen to a recent assembly from student council.

You can access this by clicking on these pictures on the site.

#### Welcome to your School

Click on the images below for a video tour of West Bromwich Collegiate Academy and to hear about the experiences of some of our current students.



Video Tour of WBCA



Student Experiences



Induction Day Activities



## Going Wild

There are three different Going Wild Activities which you can participate in, you can do as much as you wish but please attempt at least a couple of activities and your new teachers can see the work you upload. It can then be recommended to our showcase where we will be sending prizes for the best work. There are a number of challenges from other subjects. Last year these activities were spread over a couple of days so please don't feel everything needs completing on Thursday!

### Activity 2 - Tigers

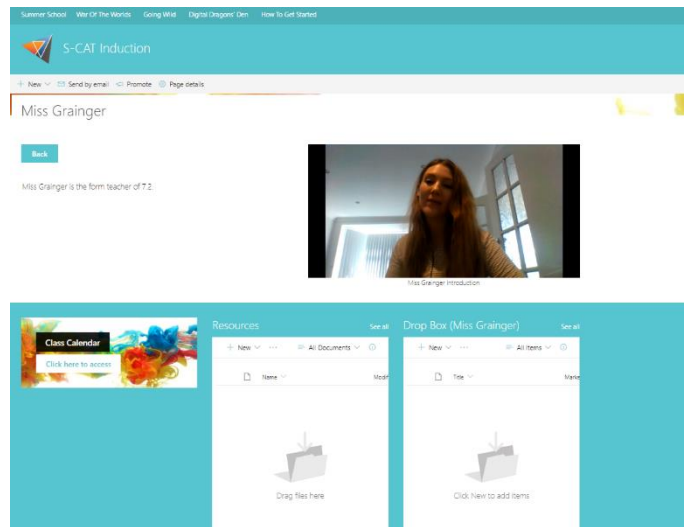
[Click this link](#) and find Independent Activity 2. Watch the Introduction to Tigers Activity Video with Miss Grainger.

Then follow the instructions on the web page to find and complete the Tigers Lesson. Please complete your work in Word.

Save the file like this: **Your Name – Tigers. It is very important to name your work.** Upload your completed work to **your teacher's Resources area.**

You should drag the file into your Form Teacher's Resource area from the folder you have saved it in on your computer. Not sure how to? There are some instructions below.

Upload your completed work to your Form Teacher's Resource area you can find this by clicking on their picture from the place where you watched the videos earlier:



<https://shireland.sharepoint.com/sites/SummerSchool/howto/SitePages/West-Bromwich-Collegiate-Academy.aspx>

### Activity 3 – Polar Bears

[Click this link](#) and find Independent Activity 3. Watch the Introduction to Polar Bears Activity Video with Mrs Walji.

Then follow the instructions on the web page to find and complete the Polar Bears Lesson. Please complete your work in Word or you could take a photo if it is on paper. Save the file like this: **Your Name – Polar Bears**

You should drag the file into your Form Teacher's Resource area from the folder you have saved it in on your computer. If you have taken a photo of your work that is fine to upload.





## Activity

### Activity 4 - Orangutans

[Click this link](#) and find Independent Activity 4. Watch the Introduction to Orangutans Activity video with Miss Powell.

Then follow the instructions on the web page to find and complete the Orangutans lesson. Please complete your work in Word.

Save the file like this: **Your Name – Orangutans**

Upload your completed work to your Form Teacher's Resource area.

### Activity 5 - Subject Challenges

[Click this link](#) and find Independent Activity 5. You have been set several subject challenges you can complete.

- Art
- German
- PE
- Science

Save your files like this: **Your Name – Art or Your Name – Science etc.**

You can upload the files into your Form Teacher's Resource area, as you have done before and they will ask subject teachers to review them.

### Live Event – Briefing for Families

[Click here](#) to take part in Mr Faux's Live Presentation for Families. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the event and to have your questions answered.

If asked to log in you can use the same log in details.

Username: [summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net](mailto:summerschool@wbca.shirelandcat.net)

Password (it is case sensitive): **Summer21**







## Going Wild Summer School 2021

There are lots of activities you could be doing on the Induction Day and even more during our Going Wild Summer School. The Summer School is going to be live at the Academy from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. (There is no Summer School on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July).

Please arrive at WBCA with a parent or carer at 9:00am on the first day. We will register each child and make sure we have emergency contact details for them.

The 5 Summer School Days are:

Date	Activity
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	<b>Getting to Know You</b>  Registration Meet the Teacher Ice Breaking Activities Meet your new Classmates Tour of the Academy
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	<b>Becoming a Team</b>  Team Based Projects – Save Endangered Species Tom Crosbie – “The Performing Nerd” Sublime Science Workshops
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Trip to West Midlands Safari Park</b>  Please note: the start and end time on this day is to be confirmed. Further details will be provided in due course.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>Subject Activity Rotations</b>  Students will undertake a rotation of activities in:  Art Music German DT Science PE

Please note there is no charge for any Summer School Activities and Lunch will be provided for all students free of charge each day. Further details will be released closer to the start. Uniform is not required on these days but please wear appropriate clothing for practical activities.