

Dear parents/carers,

Year 6 Summer school 2022

I hope your child has enjoyed a well-earned half-term break and is looking forward to the three transition days at Samuel Ward Academy at the end of this term. A letter will go out this week outlining the next steps.

Thank you to all of you who expressed an interest in our Year 6 Summer School which will run from Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July inclusive. We can now confirm our lineup of activities: – it proves to be a hugely enjoyable and productive week.

You can book a place for Summer School using the form below. It is possible to book individual days but we would recommend signing up for the full week to maximise opportunities for your child to make new friends, find their way around and get to know key staff.

There is no charge for any aspect of the Summer School, all costs have been met by the Unity Schools Partnership, the Trust Samuel Ward Academy is part of.

Timings of the school days

The school days of summer school run exactly as a normal Samuel Ward school day except for the trip to London on Thursday:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	Thursday
Start: 8:40am	Meet at SWA: 7:45am
Finish: 2:50pm	Arrive back at SWA: 5:30pm

Food

The best way to predict the future... is to create it.

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Students should bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. On Friday fish and chips will be provided for lunch at no charge. Students not wishing/able to eat this should bring a packed lunch as normal.

Clothing

Students should wear comfortable clothing appropriate to the weather. Some physical activity is involved in most days.

The activities

Monday and Tuesday

These days will see students enjoy a carousel of experiments in science, shooting and editing in photography, cooking dishes from around the World, solving physical and mathematical problems and more. These days have many “getting to know you” activities built in.

Wednesday

Activities on this day involve two team-based challenges: a building challenge in our Design and Technology workshops and a physical team challenge. The exact nature of the activities remain tightly guarded secrets! Budding architects shouldn't get too attached to their creations in the design challenge because the only way to declare a true winner is to test their completed structures to destruction...

The physical challenge will rely on communication and working together- made significantly more difficult when you can't move as freely as you're used to...

Wednesday should be a lot of fun and really cement relationships which have been built over the previous two days.

Thursday

We will drive by coach to London and enjoy a river cruise on the Thames before playing in Greenwich Park. We did this exact trip as part of our Summer School in 2021 and students loved it. Note that this day involves an earlier start and later finish than normal. Refreshments are available to purchase on the boat.

Please note the earlier start and finish time on Thursday. When we have trips out we constantly update return times via our twitter page: [@SamWardAcad](https://twitter.com/SamWardAcad)

Friday

This is a day of enrichment and celebration. Students will enjoy archery, a climbing wall, campfires and geocaching.

Your child's place at Summer school can be booked using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/A7PBbVENfg>

Based on the previous expressions of interest we have made 120 spaces available. In the event of applications exceeding this number we will draw students out of a hat and operate a reserve list.

The deadline for applications is Friday 17th June.

Everyone at SWA is looking forward to supporting your child in the very near future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Geall', written in black ink.

Kev Geall

Deputy Headteacher