

*"I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, it was amazing!"*  
Participating student-2023

## Your Child's Next Big Step: A Summer of Confidence, Fun & New Friendships!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Starting secondary school is a big step. It's an exciting time, but it can also feel overwhelming. As a parent, you want your child to **feel confident, make new friends**, and start Year 7 **ready to thrive**. But how do you make sure they get the best start? That's where **The Big Step** comes in.

We've helped over **7000 children** across the Southwest transition into secondary school, and we've seen the difference it makes. Our Summer Transition Programme at **Castle School** is designed to give your child the best start possible, helping them feel at home in their new school before September even begins.

Delivered by teachers, our programme is **fully inclusive** and designed to meet the needs and abilities of all children. Whether your child feels confident about starting secondary school, a little nervous, or anywhere in between, our activities ensure that every child can take part, feel valued, and develop key skills to help them transition smoothly into Year 7.

### What's in Store for Your Child?

- Crack codes in **immersive escape rooms**
- Solve exciting **CSI investigations**
- Dodge, dive & **compete in glow-in-the-dark dodgeball**
- Try out archery, **crazy golf & scavenger hunts**
- Boost confidence with **martial arts & cooking**
- Unleash creativity in **drama workshops**
- **And much, much more!**

Every activity is designed to help your child **build confidence, develop independence**, and **form new friendships**, so they start secondary school feeling **excited and ready**, rather than nervous and uncertain.

### How to Secure Your Child's Place:

- **Venue:** Castle School
- **Programme dates:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- **Cost:** £125
- **Deposit:** £20 to secure a place
- **Payment options:** Pay in full, at your own pace or set up a payment plan
- **Entitled to Free School Meals:** Castle School are subsidising 50% off (email us to check eligibility)

Don't let your child miss out on this opportunity to start Year 7 with confidence. Book today and give them a summer they'll never forget.

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Best wishes,  
The Big Step Team