

SWITCH 2016

Summer School Transitions

For Year 6 pupils moving into Secondary School



Z-arts are offering two new Summer School Transitions packages to help make the leap from Year 6 to Year 7 easier for the children, their family and your school.

Z-arts have an excellent track record in working with both secondary and primary schools using creative projects to bring out the best in students.

The SWITCH programmes involve both Year 6 and Year 7 students and a team of artists working together to create a collaborative project. The programmes focus on familiarising new students with layout of the 'new' secondary school, building confidence and cooperative skills and establishing relationships ready for the new academic year. The programme will take place in secondary schools, with students from at least 2 feeder primary schools visiting at the same time so the groups can be mixed.

The projects will help transitioning pupils to:

- Settle successfully into secondary school life
- Feel safe and supported in their new environment.
- Access Z-art's regular programme of activity to continue with creative activities.
- Develop self-confidence and successfully deal with changes and challenges.

The SWITCH programmes are also designed to:

- Encourage the families of pupils to get involved with the transition from primary to secondary.
- Encourage responsible Year 7 students to act as 'buddies' and offer continued support to new students



SWITCH: THE RESTORATION AGENCY

THE RESTORATION AGENCY FOR ITEMS LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Available: 25th July – 5th August

Cost per Year 6 student: £90.00 inclusive

Capacity: 60 students, plus up to 10 Year 7 'supporters'

The art and performance installation The Restoration Agency is a travelling lost property office, where expert Restoration Agents work tirelessly to reunite lost items with their rightful owners.

This 5-day project, for up to 60 Year 6 and 10 Year 7 students, will use The Restoration Agency installation and performance as an exciting creative stimulus that will enable participants to explore the themes of being in limbo, feeling lost or without place and the process of finding a new sense of belonging. Working with professional theatre-makers participants will have the opportunity to explore different art forms and create their own immersive theatre event within their new school.

Activity Timetable, 10am-3pm, Monday to Friday:

Day 1: Introductory workshops and The Restoration Agency performances

Day 2: Drama and movement workshops, introduction to Site Specific art practice.

Day 3: Artform specialist teams devise performances and construct installations

Day 4: Rehearsals and final run through of performances

Day 5: Final rehearsals, followed by an afternoon performance to friends and family.



SWITCH: CREATIVE TAKEOVER

Available: 18th July – 5th August

Cost per Year 6 student: £75.00 inclusive

Capacity: 120, plus up to 20 Year 7 'supporters'.

A 5-day programme of cross-artform activities designed to allow students to feel confident about their new environment, and take ownership of their transition process through creative making and performance.

The programme draws on the modern phenomenon of the 'flash mob' and the 'pop up gallery', to encourage students to take over the school space and transform it through arts events and installations.

Activity timetable, 10am-3pm, Monday to Friday:

Day 1: Introductory day, Drama and Visual Arts team-building workshops

Day 2: Dance, Music and Visual Art taster workshops

Day 3: Students work in groups to create new collaborative arts pieces

Day 4: Final piece development, & showcase planning

Day 5: Rehearsals, and celebratory final event for friends and families.

Further information:

- SWITCH takes place in secondary schools, and should be supported by 2-3 members of the school staff teams.
- Both programme options require access to the school space either the week or weekend preceding the programme to plan sessions and, in the case of The Restoration Agency, to set up the art installation.
- Lunch is not included in the cost and should be provided either by the host school or the students themselves.
- SWITCH: Creative Takeover is available as a one-day option, for up to 30 students, at £20 per head



To book or enquire about a Summer School Transition programme with Z-Arts, contact Hannah Gaunt, Education and Engagement Officer: hannah@z-arts.org with the following information:

- Schools involved and contact information
- Approximate number of students
- Dates for the programme to take place
- Which Switch option is preferred (The Restoration Agency or Creative Takeover)