



SUMMER SCHOOL 2021 REVIEW

All current Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend our exciting Summer School during the holidays. Initial interest and actual attendance was superb with almost 600 day place attendees over the five days. A total of 129 different students attended at least one day of the summer school.

We provided a range of activities which focused on providing opportunities to demonstrate and develop creativity, as well as enabling students to get to know each other, the staff and our school site.

A team of 14 staff were involved in the day to day operation of the Summer School. Roles included welcoming attendees and reassuring parents, running a workshop or activities, providing pastoral support and ensuring a cooked meal and refreshments were available.

The school engaged the services of an external company who delivered afternoon workshops which included African drumming and mask painting, mindfulness, fossil hunting and circus skills to name a few.

Funding Allocation

A total of £22,690.58 was claimed from the ESFA to cover the costs incurred. Expenditure was as follows:

Staffing	£ 12,510.37
Workshops and Activities	£ 5,584.00
Materials	£ 4,596.21
Total	£ 22,690.58

Students attending were fully engaged with the Summer School and feedback confirmed that they felt the activities and workshops were exciting and great fun. In addition, the students appreciated getting to know some of our staff, the site and meet other students ahead of joining the school at the start of September 2021. This really assisted in reducing anxiety levels which was a clear aim when make the decision to run the Summer School.

Our intention was to give every student the opportunity to catch up on some of the fun and friendships they missed out on during the pandemic and school closures. With a blend of engaging classroom learning, thrilling outdoor activities, along with dance, team building, social skills and practical arts and crafts. We hoped we could show our next intake of students how amazing secondary school could be. We are so pleased to see the Summer School supported students in building their confidence in transitioning to Secondary School and forming friendships between our students.

Having observed our Year 7 cohort over the past few weeks we believe they will be eager to engage with further opportunities, becoming important members of our school community.