



The Valley School Summer School 2021

The programme aimed to deliver a short summer school with a blend of academic education and enrichment activities as set out in the DfE guidance.

We chose to run a two week Summer School from 9th – 20th August 2021 with each student being offered a 1 week provision. We offered a place to every incoming Year 7 student (33 places), and also offered places to our CLA, PLA, CIN, in other year groups.

Due to our students leaving within a wider catchment area and eligible for school transport, we provided a transport service for any students who required it. This allowed all students to attend regardless of whether families were able to transport them.

Programme

A programme was developed to ensure that each child was provided with:

- Transitional activities, including meeting key adults and a tour of the school
- English and Maths activities
- Sport and fitness activities
- Arts and drama activities
- Wellbeing-based activities, including nurture sessions
- Food Technology, including making their own lunch
- Outdoor Learning, including exploring the outside wood area and nature walks

Staffing

Summer school was staffed by qualified teaching staff, learning partners and site staff including a designated cleaner. Administration support was also available on site.

Student attendance

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	13	12
Tuesday	13	11
Wednesday	12	11
Thursday	12	11
Friday	13	10

Costings

Snacks & lunch	£209.15
Resources	£108.06
Mileage	£160.65
Staffing	£17,550
Total	£18,087.66



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Impact

The impact of running a summer school has been significant. The transitional work that took place during the summer school had a profound effect on students beginning school at the start of term. Students were familiar with the surroundings; they knew staff by name and had developed relationships with both staff and their peers.

Feedback

“Thank you for providing a wonderful opportunity to visit the school before they started, we feel much more confident as a family” – New Year 7 parent

“This is the first time my son has wanted to go to school. Thank you.” – New Year 7 parent

“I am Social Worker with HCC and just wanted to praise the staff for the holiday sessions during the summer. Two of my YP participated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the activities and their roles as mentors. This was one of their highlights of the summer.” – HCC Social Worker