

Summer School 2021

Mary Webb School and Science College

A 5-day summer school was offered to all in-coming Year 7 students – 120 in total - from Monday 19th July to Friday 23rd July 2021. Our positive partnerships with local primary schools meant that some of our more vulnerable students were encouraged to attend through phone calls and individual invitations.

Our summer school aimed to support students with their transition to secondary school: adapting to academic challenges, familiarisation with school systems and expectations and developing positive peer networks. All these factors had been affected by partial school closures during the covid-19 pandemic.

Our summer school started everyday with reading from our transition book gifted to every Y6 (High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson) with the Head Teacher. A mix of activities took place including: detective activities in English, maths/art challenges, PE teambuilding, bushcraft skills, orienteering, languages activities including a French café and a robotics session using Lego Vex robots. Lunch was provided and eaten together with staff every day. Apart from one outside professional – Shropshire Wildlife Trust – on one day, the summer school was entirely staffed by teachers, teaching assistants and support staff from Mary Webb School and Science College, therefore students were building relationships with their new school staff throughout the summer school provision.

Attendance

80 students signed up to attend the summer school, 16 of which were eligible for Pupil Premium. Attendance was as follows:

| | 19/07/21 | 20/07/21 | 21/07/21 | 22/07/21 | 23/07/21 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total number of students | 18 | 18 | 24 | 54 | 49 |

Attendance records were kept with a few unable to attend due to illness. All were contacted by telephone if they could not attend.

Funding

The total cost for the summer school as £9133.26. This was entirely funded by DfE Summer School Funding.

| Costs | Funding |
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| Staffing | 6256.16 |
| Cleaning | 137.76 |
| Lunches | 1231.20 |
| Materials | 1258.14 |
| Outside professional - SWT | 250.00 |
| Total | 9133.26 |

Feedback from both students and their parents/carers has been extremely positive. As many transition activities had to be cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions throughout the year, this opportunity to be in their secondary school, with each other and staff was really valued.



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