

Summer School 2021 Impact Report

Between Monday 2 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021 a two-week summer school was offered to all rising Year 7 students (330 students in total).

Aim

The aim of the summer school was to support students with the transition from primary to secondary school, and to aid educational recovery (both academic and well-being) following disruption to school life caused by COVID-19.

Attendance

292 students enrolled in the summer school, with 139 enrolled for Week 1 only, 106 enrolled for Week 2 only and 47 enrolled for both weeks. 42 of our 59 students entitled to free school meals (FSM) enrolled in either one or both weeks. 14.3% of student enrolled were entitled to free school meals.

A daily break down of student attendance is as follows:

	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug	6 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug	12 Aug	13 Aug
Total	164	167	157	143	123	130	119	121	116	109
FSM	30	30	27	26	22	21	20	19	16	18

Activities and Lessons

The summer school comprised lessons in English and maths. It also included a choice of engagement activities in art, drama, nature, sports, dance and games. The school day was from 9am to 3.15pm. Plenty of break time was built into the programme for students to engage with each other and make new friends. At the end of each week, parents were invited to a 'graduation' ceremony and talent show. The positive impact these lessons and activities are described in the [DfE Summer Schools Guidance](#).

A typical timetable for the day was as follows:

9.00am	9.20am	10.20am	10.50am	11.50am	1.00pm	2.00pm	2.15pm
Registration	English	Break	Art, Drama or Games	Lunch	Maths	Break	Sport or Nature

Student Feedback

Students were asked to complete a feedback form at the end of their time at summer school. Students were asked to give each activity marks out of ten. They were also given the option to leave comments.

	The Summer School	The Teachers	English Lessons	Maths Lessons	Sports Activities	Art Activities	Nature Studies
Mean mark out of 10	8.3	8.6	8.2	7.1	8.2	8.2	7.7

Representative student comments:

- *I got maths refreshed in my mind and really got into art.*
- *I learned how to draw Manga.*
- *I made friends and had fun.*
- *Weeds taste nice and so do blackberries!*
- *I learned my way round the school.*
- *I learned much more about division in maths.*
- *I learned what hyperbole and onomatopoeia mean*
- *I got to go on a trampoline!*
- *Pond dipping was really good*
- *I learned about figurative language.*
- *I liked the drama stuff best.*
- *I found out how to play badminton.*
- *I met Charlie the cat 😊*

Parent Feedback

Following the summer school, parents/carers were asked to complete an online questionnaire. They were also given the opportunity to leave comments. 72 parents responded.

Percentage of responding parent views

	My child enjoyed attending summer school	Attending summer school made the transition to a new school easier for my child.	My child had fun and made new friends	My child benefited from the English and Maths lessons.	My child enjoyed the art, nature, drama and sports activities.	My child benefited from the school in light of the disruption caused by COVID-19.
Yes / Absolutely	81.9	91.7	56.9	44.4	80.6	72.2
A Bit / Some	13.9	2.6	36.9	34.7	13.9	20.8
Not Much / Not Many	1.4	1.4	6.9	12.5	5.6	5.6
No / Not at all	*2.8	1.4	**4.2	***8.3	0	1.4

Representative comments of negative reviews have been included below.



Parent Comments

- *I just wanted to write and say thank you to you and all of those at Stringer who were involved in the taster weeks for new year 7s. XXXX really enjoyed his week with you, and came home excited and enthusiastic every day. He met new friends and reconnected with old ones from other primaries, he tried new subjects and he is now so excited about his start in September. This could not have been a better introduction to secondary school life, and it would be a great thing to run every year! It has more than made up for missing out on visits because of COVID. XXXX particularly liked the sport, playing on the piano in music, and meeting his English teacher. With this start I'm sure he will thrive during his time at Stringer.*
- *Thank you for a great couple of weeks. XXXX looks forward to starting in September.*
- *Thank you so much for this week, XXXX has thoroughly enjoyed himself. He's been with a good group of friends from his primary school and met lots of new people too.*
- *XXXX has come home filled with joy and excellent tales of his days at summer school. I am so happy for XXXX and all the rest of the children that September will now not be so daunting.*
- *XXXX is enjoying the week. All the children I have seen have been very excited and happy.*
- *XXXX had a great day and has come home very positive about going to Stringer. Thank you.*
- *XXXX has enjoyed summer school this week, so much he's come home begging to go again next week.*
- **Really sorry the negative review - I don't think the school could have done anything different to make it better for my child. She only attended two days and didn't like it at all but that was more to do with her. Thank you for trying to engage her.*
- *** XXXX tended to stay with his friends from primary school*
- ****She didn't particularly need [maths and English lessons] academically.*

Costs

Total Income from Department for Education: **£100,834.15**

Staffing: cleaners, caretakers, admin, attendance, catering, first aid, safeguarding, supervisors, coaches, teachers, senior duty staff.	73,751.60
Lesson & Activity Resources: laptops for SEND students, visualisers, photocopying, art supplies, student workbooks, educational well-being resources, sports equipment, field/gardening equipment etc	25,342.71
Catering: Costs met by the school, including FSM provision	1,739.84

