

South Hunsley Summer School 2021 report

1 week - 9-13 August 2021 8:15 – 15:15

Transition is known to be challenging and the impacts of the pandemic have increased this challenge. Students have missed a significant proportion of face to face teaching and therefore missed valuable preparation for secondary education. A summer school gives an opportunity to offer that face-to-face support before they started at South Hunsley School. We wanted to provide a Summer School for our new year 7 pupils with the following aims:

- Provide a mix of strong enrichment activities alongside academic content
- Improve student's mental health and well being
- Build a community and team with fellow peers
- Forge relationships with new teachers
- Familiarise themselves with the new school environment to support engagement
- To increase cultural capital

Pupils invited	309
Pupils accepted	255
Funding allocated	£59.70 per day per pupil - £76117.50
Funding eligible to claim	Days attended - 1069 1069 x £59.70 = £63819:30

Breakdown of funding claimed:

	Amount
Removing barriers	Breakfast, snacks and lunches for all students: £2991.24 Poetry Books £2236:80 Lanyards, postcards and flyers £572.30 Scientific Calculators and Pencil Cases £4473
External agencies (cultural capital/ health and well being/ teamwork/ nutrition/ STEM)	Label of Love £525 Army £0
Subject Specialist staff including on costs	£23157.78
Pastoral staff and supporting TA staff	£18402.23
Equipment and resources	PE equipment, cooking facilities and subject specialist equipment £9058.69
Catering and Cleaning staff and additional cleaning equipment	£2048:20 Cleaning £331.67

Due to the positively large take up, the students were grouped in their tutor groups for September, to allow them to start forming relationships with peers in their own house/ tutor group.

Group leaders were assigned to each group to allow familiarity and a sense of security for any vulnerable or anxious students to have a constant member of staff with them. Group leaders met them each morning and took students to the different parts of the building for each activity. They were able to quickly form positive relationships and make subject staff aware of any potential issues. These group leaders were either a TA SEND support or a member of the pastoral team

We also had a pastoral support worker and the transition coordinator with the students for the full week. This enabled them to ensure they got to know all the students requiring additional support in September and to allow the students to become familiar with different support staff. These staff helped ease any anxieties, difficulties and barriers students may have faced whilst communicating with parents.

To break down any further barriers, we also provided every student with the opportunity to arrive early for breakfast; a break time snack and a free cooked lunch each day. This enable them to also become familiar with the catering facilities and staff which also helped ease anxiety. All students also had all resources supplied to them, including writing equipment, basic stationery and a poetry book from the English department.

Students followed a mixture of a 3 or 5 period day, with a break and lunchtime which was structured. Staff from South Hunsley School delivered English, Maths, Science, MFL, Computing, Technology, Religious Studies Art and History lessons, all sessions were linked to the KS3 curriculum they will study.

We had Technology, Business, and PE Staff alongside external agencies delivering sessions with the focus on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, teamwork and communication, business and enterprise and STEM.

Feedback from students and parents was very positive

"Thank you @southhunsley for a brilliant Summer School for the new Y7's. My son has loved every minute and can't wait to start in September"

"The week was epic – I really enjoyed the PE lessons and meeting my form group"

"The induction week helped my child gain confidence in moving around the large site. He particularly enjoyed the sporting activities. I certainly felt more at ease with him starting school in September, having attended the induction week"

"The food was fab! We had an amazing week and I feel happier about coming in September"

"We really enjoyed the summer school – it has really helped us in finding our way around and not feeling too overwhelmed on our first day"