



Northgate School Arts College (Academy Trust)
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summer School Programme 2021

The summer schools programme was offered to all secondary schools.

The aim of the programme was to deliver a short summer school, offering a blend of academic education and enrichment activities.

For the academic year 20/21 the Academy offered places to all Year 7 pupils transitioning into Year 8 (September 21) and all new pupils joining the school into Year 7 from their respective primary school or alternative education provision.

Summer School Programme Places offered; Year 8 transitioning from Year 7 Year 6 transitioning into Year 7	1 week (5 days) per year group
	37 – 91% attendance for at least one day
	36 – 62% attendance for at least one day
Reimbursement of Programme Costs	£ 12,940
Resources	£ 2,620
Staffing	£ 10,320

Who the programme was for;	<p>Schools were given the choice to determine which pupils, from any year group, would most benefit from a summer school.</p> <p>We wanted to focus the summer school provision primarily on pupils making the transition into year 7. This transition is a challenging one for some pupils, and the impacts of the pandemic have increased this challenge.</p> <p>Pupils leaving primary school this year may have missed a significant proportion of key stage 2 face-to-face teaching and therefore missed valuable preparation for secondary education. They are likely to need additional support with English and Maths, for example, to make it easier for them to access the secondary curriculum. Summer School gave Northgate an opportunity to offer that face-to-face support before they started in the new school.</p> <p>Summer school also offered an important opportunity to support pupils' wellbeing. As a result of the pandemic some pupils won't have had the opportunity to spend a lot of time in social settings with children their own age or with adults. The programme included enrichment activities, such as team games, music, drama, food technology and sports activities.</p>
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	<p>All pupils were encouraged to eat together and enjoy each others company in a relaxed and comfortable setting.</p> <p>Additionally the programme and enrichment activities were offered to those pupils transitioning into Year 8. 2020/2021 has been a particularly difficult year for all our pupils but it was felt that those pupils in the current Year 7 would benefit considerably from the summer school.</p>
<p>Benefits of the programme;</p>	<p>Incoming Year 7, pupils had an opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build a community with their fellow pupils • forge relationships with new teachers • familiarise themselves with their new school environment <p>'Teachers and support staff with experience of running a transition summer school for incoming year 7 pupils report that take-up can be high. Pupils say that they felt more a part of the school and parents were keen to engage and gave positive feedback'.</p> <p>We are pleased to report a 91% attendance of pupils expected to start in September.</p> <p>The pandemic did not allow the school to carry out our normal transition activities before the end of the summer term; the summer school programme enabled the team of staff to safely deliver an enjoyable, relaxed timetable and prepared the pupils for a positive transition into school for the September start.</p>