

Summer School Report 2021

Our summer school took place on July 26th - 30th during the first week of the summer holidays.

We offered pupils coming up to the Academy as our new year 7 cohort the chance to come in to school for the week with the following core aims:

- To build peer networks and meet key members of staff ready for a positive transition to the Academy.
- To familiarise pupils with the site, school routines, how learning differs and how to manage any worries or concerns.
- To engage pupils in fun learning activities (both curricular and co-curricular).

We also invited students from across KS3 and 5 to join us as ambassadors and peer mentors in order to enhance their leadership and interpersonal skills.

Pupils were in small groups of around 15 and experienced a carousel of amazing activities provided in house by our staff. They attended tutor times for pastoral support, which included mindfulness and motivation sessions at the start of each day and mixed with other pupils at break and lunch. We built in a reflection session and 'checking out' time at the end of each day in pastoral groups too. The list of activities is available below.

We led English and Maths sessions and gave every child study support books in the core areas of reading, writing, Math, English and Science.

Further to this, pupils were offered the opportunity to do team building activities on site with our Duke of Edinburgh providers - ENTRUST and at Whitemoor Lakes Activity centre including a host of outdoor pursuits such as canoeing, climbing, abseiling and a zip wire!

We provided food and activities for 224 young people as well as the opportunities to bake and cook with the team.

The event was run and staffed by over 30 teaching staff, support staff, administrative and catering staff from across the Academy.

We were overwhelmed by the positive response from young people and parents/ carers throughout the week and afterwards.

Costing Breakdown:

Staffing	£28,573.31
Catering	£3501
Activity – Entrust Team building sessions	£1700
Books	£2240
Materials	£375.95
Whitemoor Lakes	£6774
Transport	£980
Total Costing	£44,144.26

Summer School Activities

Human Biology	<p>We will be learning about the organs of the human body. We will find out where the organs are located and investigate their structure through dissection.</p> <p>The activity will involve a teacher demonstration of a lung dissection, for students to observe. Students will also have the opportunity to work in small groups to complete their own dissection of other organs such as the heart, kidney and eye.</p> <p>The organs used in the dissection will be obtained from lambs and pigs. Students will be using dissection equipment including dissection scissors. Students will be given full instructions on how to perform their dissections safely and respectfully. Gloves and hand washing facilities will be available throughout.</p> <p>If at any point a student is not comfortable carrying out a dissection during the session, they can either observe their peers or they can complete a theory-based activity.</p>
Computing	<p>Creating a trailer/ slideshow using movie maker</p> <p>Your task is to choose a topic which interests you. This could be a film, game, tv show, youtuber, hobbies etc. You will be using movie maker to create a trailer or slideshow to promote your chosen topic to others.</p>
Science	<p>We hear about foods containing high levels of sugars, but how do the scientist know? In this activity you will be using scientific skills to test a variety of foods for sugar and starch. You will be introduced to the Bunsen burner and a variety of chemicals.</p> <p>Create your own stomp rockets using the power of physics!</p> <p>An electrifying look at circuits that will shock you!</p>
Humanities – an archaeological dig	<p>Discover ancient artefacts and hidden worlds in the archaeology workshop, where we will learn the techniques that experts use to uncover the past. We will be learning how to dig, record, and care for remains of lost civilisations, and decipher what they tell us about the past. All tools will be provided but prepare to be hands-on and messy, so wear something durable and practical.</p>
Cooking	<p>A chance to bake along a simple recipe with our catering manager – what will you create in our bake off? Will you be star baker?</p>

Drama	Come and play drama games, learn crucial communication skills and work as a team to develop summer themed role plays in teams. Get to know our amazing drama studio and what an audience can be expected to do when watching live theatre!
Music	African drumming experience!!! In this workshop we will look at explore the different ways to play drums and other percussion instruments in a variety of interesting rhythms. We will also develop our singing ability in our group to help broaden our understanding of performing. No previous is necessary in this fun and inclusive interactive group workshop.
Art – 3 WORKSHOPS	<p>1) We will be creating lanterns! Students will be able to pick between 3 themes (culture, under the sea or cartoons) to create an oil pastel print on their lantern template. Students will then use ink and salt to lay on top for a colourful background. Lanterns will then be put together at the end to create a 3D form</p> <p>2) For one of our art activities during the Year 6 Summer school we will be creating our own vibrant take on a Tie Dye T-Shirt! We're really excited to get practical and make a memorable experience for our students.</p> <p>3) Workshop Title: Jon Burgerman Doodling Working as part of a team, we will be looking at the 'Street Style Doodle' work of contemporary Nottingham artist, Jon Burgerman. We will be working with vibrant colours, looking at modern style artwork and using a range of materials including marker pens, paint pens and chalk pastels to produce a large-scale group piece of work.</p>
Literature / Maths	Pupils will be looking at key skills and given booklets to support their understanding of key concepts. We will work in small groups and focus on what pupils can do to develop confidence and enjoyment in the subjects.
Scavenger Hunt	Can you find the clues around the school within the time limit? A great way to get to know the site in groups and to demonstrate team work and collaboration.
Tech	We will be making some very cool items – using the machinery and equipment you find in a technology room. This two hour session will be supported by lots of staff to help you use a workshop and create something really exciting!
PE	We will be running different games every day to develop skill, enthusiasm and sportsperson attitudes!
Business - Vantastic!	You will be in small groups building and enhancing the design of the camper van, one of the most highly demanded products during the pandemic. Can your team produce more vans than the other teams? will yours be of a higher quality and will your new ideas mean that your supplier buys more of them?

	You are competing against each other to see who can make the most profit at the end of the session. Be aware though just as the business market changes rapidly so does the vantastic!
Sign Language	Learn Basic British Sign Language to help you communicate even more effectively with a variety of people.