

LITTLE HEATH SCHOOL

SUMMER SCHOOL 2021



We were thrilled to be able to respond to the government’s request to run a summer school this year. We worked hard to ensure that our new Year 7 students had undertaken a different, but nonetheless supportive, transition period, with lots of virtual activities and support materials. However the opportunity to offer a summer school place to every Year 6 student was one we relished.

Although students may have missed a significant proportion of Key Stage 2 face-to-face teaching, we felt that we wanted our primary focus to be on supporting students’ well-being. As well as some entertaining Mathematics, English and Science activities, the students also undertook a wide range of additional activities designed to help them to get to know one another, the school, our staff and crucially feel welcomed into the LHS family. Tasks included a range of team building activities, as well as rocket building, T-shirt design and tie-dyeing, cookery, designing a newspaper, along with additional sports and creative activities. Underpinning everything was our focus on Spreading Kindness and Celebrating Success, so there was an awards ceremony voted by the students themselves.

As our parental questionnaires had shown that many students were very anxious about starting school, COVID and being away from families, we decided to invest in some specific work with a specialist Mindfulness Coach, working on managing anxiety, mindfulness and an introduction to yoga. This proved to be an incredibly positive experience for all of the 190 students who attended.

Our Summer School was a resounding success with students saying that they really felt part of the LHS Family following the event. However, we then ensured that students who had attended summer school were paired up with those who were unable to attend, to ensure that all students felt supported.

In addition to the 3 day Summer School for all, our Inclusion Team also ran an Inclusion Summer School, targeted at students who might find the transition to secondary school more challenging for a range of different reasons. The students were selected as part of our transition work and nominated by their primary schools so that our more vulnerable cohort received specific work with our Inclusion team before starting in September.

The students undertook a wide range of activities, specifically designed for their needs, including a significant amount of orientation and transition work to help to ensure that their start to Y7 was as smooth as possible.

Please see below for breakdown of costs for 6 days of Summer School 2021.

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS	AMOUNT
Staffing costs	£17,651
Catering	£3,487
Specialist support from external provider	£1,745.76
Additional resources purchase	£1,119.45
Total	£24,003.21