

Year 10 into Year 11 Summer School 2021 – Report and Feedback



Attendance

All parents/carers were offered a place at Sumer School. Take-up and attendance was as follows:

Days and subjects on offer										
Mon 23rd Aug			Tues 24th Aug			Wed 25th Aug		Thurs 26th Aug		Fri 27th Aug
English	RS	Hosp & Catering	Hosp & Catering	RS	English	French	DT	DT	French	DT
24	3	6	8	4	23	7	6	5	8	7
33*			35*			13*		13*		7*

*Total number of attendees each day

Programme

The Year 10 Summer School was run from the 23rd to the 27th August 2021 at the School for all pupils in Year 10 to help them consolidate their learning and to help offset the impact of remote learning with subject specialists. The subjects on offer were: English, French, RS, DT, and Hospitality and Catering. If parents/carers wanted their child to attend/take part they completed an expression of interest form and attendance to each individual section can be found on the attendance table above.

Impact

All the Year 10 pupils were asked to complete a short questionnaire at the end of their sessions and below are some the responses to the questions:

How has the session at Summer School been useful?
It has been good and also fun
It has allowed me to revisit previously used systems
I was able to complete my work and learnt how to use different types of machines
Much needed Computer Aided Design practice was given
I have been able to ask questions and receive detailed answers
Helped me to strengthen my knowledge
Helped me to revise the basics and provide future references that will help my revision
I now have more understanding of conditional and imperfect tense
I have improved my hand making skills and confidence
I have improved my learning
Helped me with my translation
The booklets were really useful and they helped me with my revision

I worked on how to answer exam style questions
I recapped tenses and learnt about my speaking exam and how to answer them
Recapping the many rules in sentence construction
Learnt about creative writing
Was in class with other pupils from different classes
I liked the laidback/relaxed atmosphere
Got my brain started again!
Helped me with some techniques I was struggling with
It has helped me make my pasta and catch up upon learning
I have learnt key skills that I did not know before
I have learnt it takes a couple of rounds for the pasta to be thin enough
I have learnt to make my own sauce
It has helped to prepare me for Year 11

How can we make Summer School better?
I wouldn't change anything
Include more interactive activities
Have more sessions
Include more quizzes & games to motivate and encourage us
Have more people involved
Let us pick what time we can arrive and leave
Change the timings
We need to cover topics missed during Covid-19 and not new topics
Get pupils to clean up after themselves!
Make the timings like School so we can have longer lunch and break
Better time management of some of the sessions
Please don't try to cram everything into 2 hours!
Please give some more time for class discussions
More break times
More complex topics
More help with exams question
Please have more topics that we do in lessons
Send pupils who are attending an email to let you know what they want to revise - so we can revise that instead
Have more subjects on offer
More exam style questions
More days to do practical work
Longer sessions please!

Year 6 into Year 7 Summer School 2021 – Report and Feedback

Attendance

All parents/carers were offered a place at Sumer School. Take-up and attendance was as follows:

Day	Mon 23rd Aug	Tues 24th Aug	Wed 25th Aug	Thurs 26th Aug	Fri 27th Aug
Attended (Of 150 starters)	46	44	45	38	30

Programme

During the week, Year 6 pupils were divided into 3 groups. These were named after the three types of member countries of the Commonwealth, and the 2022 Commonwealth Games provided the theme for the Summer School. Each of the three groups had DT, Food Technology, Science, and Drama sessions. They also all had sessions around a mini-Commonwealth Games focused on mathematical investigations, PE sessions led by Sports for life, and a session looking at the Birmingham Games and its mascot. The groups all came together for daily assemblies tied into the Commonwealth virtues of Diversity, Humanity & Equality as well as a session of team building games at the start of the week and daily whole class reading & mathematics competitions. Staff nominated pupils who had shown excellent character in their sessions and at the end of the week certificates were presented.

Impact

All pupils completed the DfE online survey at the start of Summer School and also a survey for us to use as a baseline measure. From this we found that 10 pupils were worried about being late to School, 17 pupils were worried about making friends, 15 pupils were worried about being lost and 4 pupils were worried about knowing the teachers. All of the forms were completed without grammar or spelling errors. Staff identified 'attention span and focus' as being something to work on during Summer School.

At the end of Summer School, or earlier if it was a pupil's last day, pupils completed both the exit survey for the DfE and our internal survey. The internal survey shows:

Questions asked:	Responses (those in black are for all pupils and in red for those who identified the issue as a concern on the first survey)		
	Not at all	A little	Lots
Has Summer School helped you to make friends?	0% 0%	23% 18%	77% 82%
Has Summer School helped you to get to know some of the teachers?	0% 0%	41% 0%	59% 100%
Has Summer School helped you to get up earlier?	23% 0%	44% 50%	33% 50%
Has Summer School helped you to get used to finding your way around?	0% 0%	38% 47%	62% 53%

In the survey pupils were asked to sum-up Summer School overall. The results were:

Summer School has been really boring	Summer School was a little bit okay but mostly it was bad	Mostly it was okay	I have really enjoyed all of it
0%	0%	33%	67%

Pupils were asked how Summer School might be improved. 29 wrote that it could not be improved. 3 asked for Summer School to be longer. 1 asked for music and 5 asked for more PE. 2 asked for it to be less like School and more fun. 11 asked for breaks and lunchtimes to be longer to allow more playtime, and 3 thought visits off-site could improve Summer School.

Cost of running the Summer Schools 2021

The School can claim funding from the DfE, paying £59 for each day a pupil attends. This means an income of up to £11,907 for our School on this occasion.

The staffing costs for running Summer School for Year 6 into 7, and Year 10 into 11 combined is £9950 including on-costs. In addition £278 was spent on food for the Year 6 into 7 pupils as the DfE stipulated that food must be provided for lunch for that cohort.

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Noted by the Governing Board (University of Birmingham School) – 6th October 2021

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