

## Okehampton College Summer School 2021 Report

Okehampton College was delighted to offer a Summer School provision as part of our Year 6 transition programme.

Department for Education (DfE) research estimates that in the first half-term of autumn 2020, pupils in:

- year 3 to 9 were on average around 1.6 to 2 months behind on their reading
- year 3 to 7 were around 3.2 months behind on their maths
- schools with high numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals were on average further behind those in schools with low free school meals eligibility

Anecdotal evidence also points to children and young people's mental health having suffered from lockdown and from periods of individual or class isolation even after schools reopened fully in the autumn term.

Summer school provision with an academic focus has the potential to support attending pupils to make up for some of their missed education. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) finds that, on average, pupils attending a summer school can make:

- 2 months' additional progress (compared with pupils who do not attend)
- up to 4 months' additional progress if the summer school offers small group tuition led by highly-trained and experienced teaching staff

Evidence suggests a broader benefit for families and communities, support for vulnerable children and young people, pupil mental health and wellbeing, improved education engagement and transitions, and reduced youth violence.

The Summer School programme ran from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021** each day commencing at 8.45am and ending at 3.30pm.

The programme aimed to support Year 6 students transitioning from primary into Year 7 September 2021, and to aid educational catch up and recovery following COVID-19, both academically and in terms of wellbeing.

The programme of activities included a blend of academic education and enrichment activities including:

- A tour of the college campus
- Lessons in English, Maths, Science, Humanities and PSHE.
- A range of sporting activities that included wall climbing, archery, team building, rounders, orienteering, pond dip, forest school, scavenger, creative art, music and drama activities.
- Wellbeing activities.

A nutritious lunch was provided for all pupils.

### Attendance:

206 pupils were invited to attend (37 were eligible for pupil premium).

184 pupils signed up to attend (32 were eligible for pupil premium).

Daily attendance:

	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>
Total No: Pupils Attending	172	171	160	144	138
No: eligible for Pupil Premium	29	31	25	23	21

Parents of pupils who had signed up to attend, but not arrived, were contacted. The most common reason for non-attendance were Covid-19 related.

**Summer School Funding:**

Pupil places were funded through the DfE at a daily rate of £59.70.

The total amount of funding available based on the number of pupils for whom a place was delivered is £46,84.50.

The total cost of the summer school provision at Okehampton College was £23,510.56, and this amount is being claimed from the DfE.

**Summary:**

The summer school provided a fantastic opportunity for our incoming Year 7 children to not only catch up on their education but to have a rich experience during the school holidays, build relationships with new teachers and familiarise themselves with their new school environment, routines and expectations.

Feedback from pupils, parents and staff was positive. If funding is made available again we would be run the summer school in summer 2022.