

Summer School Report: 2021



Summer School Guidance

As part of COVID-19 reconnection, the government provided schools with funding to deliver a short summer school, offering a blend of academic education and enrichment activities. The Dukeries Academy provided a Summer School in line with the published guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-schools-programme>

Dates of the Summer School

The Summer School lasted for five days for Monday 2 August 2021 until Friday 6 August 2021

Number of students who took part in the Summer School

All Year 6 students who had accepted a place to start at The Dukeries Academy in September 2021 were offered a place on the Summer School.

	Total Places	Non-Pupil Premium	Pupil Premium
Places Offered	141	102	39
Places Delivered	69	56	13

Equivalent to 308 student days in total.

Staffing of the Summer School

The Summer School was led by two members of Academy staff supported by eight colleagues. The staff included qualified teaching staff, SEND Support Staff and Pastoral Support Staff. There was a minimum of six staff each day. The staffing was enhanced by partner organisation and Sixth Form volunteers.

Costs of the Summer School

The total cost of the Summer School was £18387.60.

	Spend (£)
Staffing	6346.25
Resources	4464.32
Other	7577.03

Summer School Programme Overview

The Dukeries Academy Summer School comprised of a mix of academic studies and enrichment activities designed to support academic re-engagement, motivate, and enthuse

students, and alleviate any anxiety or concerns related to the transition into secondary education, post lockdown.

Academic Activities

The programme focused on academic learning in English, Maths, Science, Humanities, and the Arts. In English lessons students worked on poetry and creative writing with age and level appropriate task that were accessible to all but with stretch activities for the more able. Students also visited the Academy Library, applied for library cards, and completed focused reading activities.

In Maths students enjoyed learning about algorithmic art and tessellation. They were amazed when they solved puzzles to create art. A fun orienteering activity, which involved a maths 'treasure hunt' was used to help students familiarise themselves with the Academy site. In Science students practiced a series of separating techniques to solve problems, familiarise themselves with equipment, and work safely. In the Arts, students watched a theatre performance of *The Wind in the Willows*, as well as performing their own drama piece. Students also spent time in the Art faculty where they completed their own masterpieces.

Physical and Mental Wellbeing Activities

As a continued part of our focus on physical activity and wellbeing students had one afternoon of sports with a carousel of activities. This included activities such as boxing, volleyball, netball and badminton. In addition, students spent a full day at a local outdoor education centre (Walesby Forest - <https://www.walesbyforest.org.uk/>) where they completed teambuilding activities, climbing, assault courses and zip lining.

Finally, students worked with our partners at Freedom Foundation (<https://www.freedomfoundationuk.org/>), for a full day of self-esteem workshops. This was very positive, and many students overcame their nerves to bravely perform their own rap about current topical issues.

The week ended with a celebration event attended by parents and carers

The opportunity for staff to meet, work with and get to know these students was invaluable.

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