



Summer School 2021

Impact Report

A 10-day summer school was offered to all year 6 students joining the Academy in 2021 (305 in total), from Monday 26th July – Friday 6th August 2021. A particular effort was made to engagement vulnerable students (PP, SEND,CP) and parents of these students were targeted via telephone, emails and an advertisement campaign. Posters, banners and a live evening was used to advertise the summer school to students to get their engagement.

The summer school was aimed to support students with the transition from primary to secondary school, and to aid educational recovery following COVID-19, both academically and in terms of student wellbeing.

Structure:

Summer school was run by Haven High Academy staff and staff from Discovery Sports and the Bliz performing arts school who were our external providers. Year 11 helpers were used to support students in their lessons as were learning assistants to support students with SEND.

The summer school curriculum comprised lessons in English, Maths, science and humanities as a core coupled with a wide range of creative based subjects such as:

- Drama
- Cooking
- Team building
- Art
- Crafts
- Sports
- Music

The students attended an assembly at the start of each week and completed 30 mins of reading in form time each morning modelled by staff. The summer school ended with a celebration event at the end of the week. Lunch was provided and eaten by all staff and students together each day.

Equipment was bought in to provide students a rich curriculum providing experiences they may not have had before such as trampolining, bike safety, STEM and science experiments taking up the majority of the funding used for summer school.

Cost of operating the summer school:

External Providers	£16,500
Science Resources	£4,961.39
Catering	£1,402.50
Commercial Cleaners	£245.20
STEM	£804.83
Bike Safety	£7,160
Academy Staff/ Teacher Assistants	£21953
Sports Equipment	£4,810
Facilities	£2,246.80
Curriculum Resources	£1,029.55
Support Staff	£750
Total cost of summer school	£61,863.27

Attendance:

213 students attended at least one day of summer school over the 10 days. Registers were

Week 1 attendance Information:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Total no of students in attendance	132	138	131	118	123

Week 2 attendance Information:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Total no of students in attendance	113	111	107	95	88

Parents of students who had signed up to attend, but not arrived, were contacted. The most common reason given was changing holiday plans or cases of COVID-19 within their family.

Feedback was obtained from a sample of students throughout the summer school and when the academy started the new academic year in September 2021 to get an understanding of how successful the summer school was for future projects.

Student Feedback:

Students particularly identified their favourite parts of summer school as:

Scoring scale(1-5 scale, 1 strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree)

Question	Average Score
I have enjoyed summer school	4.44
I really enjoyed the wide range of activities	4.30
I have made new friends	4.22
It has helped me with my start to secondary school	4.38

- Making new friends
- Meeting staff
- Using the 3G Pitch
- Wide range of activities
- Fun end of summer school show

Parent Comments:

Feedback from parents was obtained via our Facebook and communications since summer school has been completed. Some of the key points covered were:

- My son has really enjoyed the summer school and was very pleased to attend both weeks
- Thank you for putting this on this has really supported my daughter with getting ready for year 7 and it has helped her confidence.
- Huge thanks to all staff involved. My daughter has loved every minute of it. I have never had her so quiet when she gets home!
- My child was nervous about making new friends after everything that has happened this year. We thank you for the opportunity and all the different activities there were put on.

Conclusions/next steps:

- The summer school programme was very successful. We feel the summer school achieved its aims of supporting year 7 students transitioning into secondary school. We feel it helped them academically and in terms of their wellbeing.
- The curriculum was varied and successfully provided the students many experiences they may not have experienced before whilst also embedding key routines and expectations.
- Lunch, form time and group-based activities developed a sense of community and it ensured students left understanding what it is like to be part of the Haven family.
- If finances permitted, there is a strong argument for repeating the summer school in summer 2022 and with more planning we would use more of our academy staff to embed even more routines and academic based lessons.
- Attendance was impacted on by COVID-19, changes in holidays and many students/parents being unsure about their safety with the infection rates in the local area increasing. We feel the attendance for summer school may have been higher if we published the dates even earlier and communicated with all our feeder schools much earlier.

Mr D Bruce – Assistant Headteacher, 9th October 2021

Photos – Summer School 2021

