

Year 6 Summer School August 2021

Driffield School and Sixth Form



This document lays out how Driffield School and Sixth Form has used the funding allocated to support a Year 6 Summer School, running from 9 to 13 August 2021.

Anecdotal evidence 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. A positive transition experience was viewed as a key opportunity to support the health and wellbeing of our students and - as our traditional transition days were postponed this year due to national restrictions - summer school provision was designed to ensure a smooth transition to Year 7.

The aims of our provision were to:

- Provide a mix of daily academic content, alongside strong enrichment activities (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)
- Support students' mental health and wellbeing
- Build a sense of community and 'team' with their fellow peers
- Forge relationships with new teachers
- Familiarise themselves with the new school environment and to support engagement
- Increase cultural capital

Pupils invited	240
Pupils accepted	175
Funding allocated	£49,252.50 (£59.70 per day, per student)
Funding eligible to claim	£43,998.90 (student days attended =737 x £59.70)

Breakdown of funding claimed:

Description	Cost (£)
Breakfast, snacks and lunches for all students:	2,115
External agencies, including: Mind Matters workshops, hockey coaching, ingredients and STEM	2,454
Teaching staff	23,383
Pastoral staff and TAs	9,888
AstroTurf hire	1,200
Catering and cleaning staff and additional cleaning equipment	994
Educational Support Staff	1,570
Transport	2,525
Total costs	44,129

Evaluation:

From our Year 6 cohort, there was a really positive uptake to the summer school; 75% of the cohort attended. Students were assigned to one of nine groups throughout the week and they rotated around a number of different activities, having four sessions per day. These included:

- Team-building with the Army
 - Cricket, Hockey and Touch Rugby with specialist coaches
 - Health & Wellbeing with Mind Matters Drama Workshop
 - Exploring the school site
 - STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
 - Daily literacy and numeracy lessons
 - Art
 - Cooking (all ingredients provided)
 - Music
 - Modern Foreign Languages
 - Preparation for Year 7
- Each session was delivered by a specialist member of staff, supported by our teaching assistants and pastoral staff. All the activities were well planned, age appropriate and enjoyable for our students who started each day in our assembly space to get a daily briefing and overview of their activities for the day ahead.
 - Students quickly formed positive relationships with their peers and school staff. A key element to the week was to develop confidence in themselves and familiarise themselves with the school site and routines. Teambuilding activities and tours of the school were used early in the week to help prepare students.
 - A daily session in literacy and numeracy was delivered by our English and Maths department, giving students a refresher so they were well prepared for the start of Year 7.
 - To break down any barriers, our pastoral team worked with students all week; helping to ease any anxieties, difficulties and concerns students may have faced and then communicating with parents and carers.
 - Students enjoyed the opportunity to have a break time snack and a free cooked lunch each day. This enabled them to become familiar with the catering team and facilities, also helping to their ease anxiety on their first day.
 - A number of students enjoyed it so much they came back for additional days.
 - The range of enrichment activities was well received by students. See parental comments below:

"I just wanted to say that Yasmine, my youngest, is going to Summer School at Driffeld seniors and is having a great time! It's really helped her confidence getting to know the school, teachers and friends. She's really enjoyed the teambuilding. Please pass on our thanks."

"Good morning. I had originally booked Ben for just the Monday of this week however he is keen to come again today. Hope this is ok. Many thanks."

"Firstly thank you, Anya has had a great day today and has asked if she could possibly come on Wednesday as well!! She is only down for Monday and Tuesday! But if it's not possible that's fine!!"

"Hello, Millie has expressed how she has liked her day at summer school today. I have only booked her on today (Monday) Wednesday and Friday however she would like to come tomorrow (Tuesday) and Thursday as well as the above days is that a possibility? "