

We offered a total of eight days summer school provision this year to our upcoming Year 7 students totalling 175 children. The summer schools comprised of a five day programme offered to all of our cohort of students and a further three day programme run by our local Early Help colleagues to targeted individuals as identified by their primary settings. The initial summer school ran from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July inclusive and the additional days were 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Our aims and intentions for the summer school programme was to support students transitioning to us in September 2021 and to provide a blended learning experience of academic and enrichment activities. Students participated in: English, Maths, Science, RSHE, Sports, Team Building and Art sessions. The groups were registered together daily and had both check in and check out sessions lead by our RSHE Lead and there was a celebration event at the end of the week. All students were provided with lunch daily and students and staff ate together. A wide variety of school staff gave their time to support the running of the summer school.

Attendance was negatively impacted by some students who registered having to isolate due to the national guidance still in place when our summer school took place. Parents / carers were contacted daily to follow up any non attendance.

### **Feedback from our families**

“We just wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone who put so much effort into making Summer School a success for the new year 7s. We definitely think it will make our son feel more confident when he starts in September.”

“Summer school has helped calm my daughter’s anxiety massively and she is so excited about starting school.”

“I want to thank you for giving our son the opportunity to experience Pittville School and for giving up part of your holiday! He really appreciated it and returned home excited and full of enthusiasm each day.”

“I would just like to thank you for having a summer school this year, my son was very nervous on the Monday starting as he was isolating, he didn’t want to go in but the very friendly staff reassured him, he came running out very happy at the end and said he had a great time and wasn’t nervous to go the next day. He said it was great, so thank you.”

“Just to say a huge thank you for the summer school provision. Our son had a great time and what a fantastic introduction to secondary school life in September! Instead of being nervous and daunted by the transition he is now really excited and has met some lovely teachers and new friends as well as being familiar with the school layout and environment.”

“I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for providing Summer School for the children. It has been such a positive experience after a very challenging time. My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed every minute of every day. We’ve loved hearing about the different activities that she’s been involved in, her new friends that she has made and learning new teachers names !! It’s been a long time since we’ve seen her so excited and enthusiastic about going into school !! I know that the experience that you and your amazing school has given her will certainly make her transition into year 7 a lot easier.”

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