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Report on Summer School Spending 2021

At Weavers Academy we understand that due to restrictions over the course of the last year, children in Year 6 have not had as much time in the classroom, nor have they had the opportunity to participate in many of the enrichment opportunities ordinarily offered by their primary school. Our Summer School programme was aimed at addressing these elements whilst empowering our young students with the skills, confidence, and knowledge to help the smooth transition into Year 7.

Children were given the opportunity to start familiarising themselves with the school building and members of staff before the September start. The Summer School also helped them to start to form new lifelong friendships as they began to meet children joining Weavers Academy from other primary schools, working in teams throughout the week with their future form group. The week was themed around Space, with students participating in a vast array of activities. Every effort was taken to ensure the students hit the ground running in September 2021, making a fabulous start to their Weavers Academy career. All 196 Year 6 children joining Weavers Academy in September 2021 were offered the opportunity to take part in the Summer School with no cost to their family. We also invited 44 Year 13 students who were there to develop their Leadership skills and gain vital work experience which had not been possible due to obstacles this year. Of those invited 78 Year 7 students (of whom 19 were eligible for the Pupil Premium, and 6 Year 13 students attended

Over the course of the week, the students took part in a range of creative, educational and outdoor enrichment activities designed to support their emotional and physical well-being. Students also had the opportunity to practice their English and Maths along with other academic subjects when participating in the Space Themed activities. We also invited Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium who put on a show for all students. Students worked towards the "Lift Off" programme, a transitional package offered by ASDAN which allowed students to explore their feelings about the start of secondary school.

We ended the week with a community picnic for our Astronauts and their family to share in the students successes and welcome families to Weavers Academy.



Key Information

- The Summer School took place during week commencing Monday 23rd August 2021
- The day ran from 9:00 am – 3.00pm
- Children were required to attend daily
- A lunch and refreshments were provided each day
- All resources for the week were provided from the Summer School budget.

Please see below for a breakdown of how funds were spent. The DfE provided an allocation of £59.70 per pupil per day for this event up to a maximum of the full 2020 Year 7 cohort. $£59.70 \times 361 = £21,551.70$ total allocation. Weavers Academy operated within budget for this event.

Educational Equipment and Resources	£4,839.39
Catering	£ 362.62
Staffing	£ 13,843.07
Student Courses	£ 1,118.00
External Visitor	£ 495.00
Total	£20,658.08

Evaluation

Students had the opportunity to work within their new tutor groups, developing relationships and building foundations for their time at Weavers. This has enabled students to settle very rapidly into life at Weavers Academy and behaviour incidents among those who attended Summer School remain low.

Parent feedback from the event was strong. Parents reported that their children were previously anxious about attending Weavers' but by the end of the week were more confident. Here is some feedback from one of our parents: "Both children were somewhat reluctant to go on the Monday morning as they thought it would be more like (boring) School. However by Tuesday you managed to convince them that Summer School is fun. They were looking forward to the activities and chatting away about their experiences. They loved the parachute games and planetarium as well as the rocket building... and not to forget about making new friends"



Student engagement was high throughout the week. Team building activities underpinned the theme of the work carried out by students and helped students feel part of the academy community.