

### **Kelvin Hall School summer school year 6 transition event**

According to the DfE, anecdotal evidence has suggested that children and young people's mental health suffered from lockdown and from periods of individual or class isolation, even after schools reopened fully in the Autumn Term 2021. Summer School provision with an academic focus has the potential to support attending pupils to make up for some of their missed education. Evidence also suggests a broader benefit for families and communities including support for vulnerable children and young people, pupil mental health and well-being and improved education engagement and transitions.

Source: *Summer schools guidance, updated June 2021, DfE.*

The aim of Kelvin Hall School Summer School had a dual focus on supporting pupils' academic progress and their social and emotional needs which enabled pupils to enjoy new experiences, build confidence, reinforce learning and develop positive patterns of behaviour. Additionally the summer school provided support for pupils with the transition from primary to secondary school and to aid recovery and catch up following two national Covid-19 lockdowns, both academically and in terms of wellbeing.

A five day summer school was offered to a significant number of rising Year 7 pupils in the summer 2021. The event took place from Monday 26th July 2021 to Friday 30th July 2021. The focus was to invite and engage our more vulnerable pupils, including pupil premium, SEN and EHCP pupils. Parents were invited to reserve a place through posted letters, email/text invites and phone calls encouraging them to attend and participate in Kelvin Hall School summer school.

Throughout the week, 90 pupil premium and SEN pupils attended the summer school. The activities each day had an English and Maths academic focus including Science on some days. Enrichment activities were included every day with external providers offering additional sports based, arts based and wellbeing based activities. These providers included Hull FC, a local mobile farm provider, Northern Lights Drama Company, Scrap Store and a BIG TOP circus show, with additional workshops throughout the week including a locally based treasure hunt activity.

The summer school offered pupils the opportunity to participate in activities that were:

- Educational, enriching and engaging.
- Focused on social skills, social interaction and team building.
- Focused on developing relationships with new staff and allowing pupils to familiarise themselves with their new school environment and routines, increasing confidence ahead of the start of term and reducing any apprehension or anxiety about starting secondary school.

The summer school ended on a high note, with an afternoon celebration event involving all parents and carers who were invited to attend on Friday 30th July 2021

The break down in cost of the week included:

- External staff providers **£3282.70**
- Catering, including lunch and break provision **£1804.26**
- Student academic resources **£1163.84**
- Student wellbeing and reward resources **£713.48**
- Actual staffing pay costs **£11473.21**

The funding received and the total cost was **£18437.49**

The internal school staff used to plan, deliver, support and supervise this event included:

Teaching staff, student wellbeing support staff, teaching aid support staff, SEND specialist support staff, catering staff, site staff, medical aid trained staff, designated safeguarding leads and mature student volunteers.

