

Summer School Report 2021

Who was the Summer School offered to?

All Year 6 students who had accepted a place at KNBS for September 2021 were offered a place at our Summer School 2021. Initial responses indicated that all 160 students were planning to attend, although the final number was lower due to circumstances, for instance last minute holiday bookings.

There were a number of current students who were invited to attend the Summer School; these included some students with low literacy and numeracy levels who we felt would benefit from the range of activities on offer, some students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) that we felt would benefit from the social aspect of the Summer School, some students for whom KNBS is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, as well as some vulnerable students. Older students, most of whom fall into one or more of the categories above, were also invited to attend, so as to provide student leadership and soft skill development opportunities to help prepare them for post-16.

When did it take place?

The Summer School was held for two weeks, from 16th-27th August, with each week comprising five days, from 9am – 3pm. Each student was offered a choice of weeks, with the intention being for each attending for the full five days.

Who attended?

See below for attendance:

Year groups	How many students took part (1 day or more)	
Year 6 students	151	
Year 7 Students	7	
Year 8 Students	4	
Year 9 Students	3	
Year 10 Students	6	
Total	171	

Some students were unable to attend on Thursday and/or Friday, due to holiday commitments. Some students had prior commitments mid-week, and some could not attend due to illness, most of which was Covid-related.



What food and drink was on offer to students?

All students were offered food free of charge. Any dietary requirements were ascertained ahead of time to ensure that these were catered for. The menu was of a 'take-away' style, and included a drink (juice or water), yoghurt and fruit, as well as a daily 'special' main course. On Friday 27^{th} , students were asked to bring a packed lunch as there was essential maintenance work taking place in the kitchen area that prevented the preparation of food. Drinks, yoghurts and fruit were provided on this day. Students were encouraged to bring healthy snacks for break time across the week.

What was the rationale for the activities that were included in the Summer School?

Our Summer School offer included both academic and enrichment activities. Each day, students would engage with a variety of both. The rationale for this was based upon the following:

- To prepare students for some of the routines that they should expect, including canteen
- To assist students in orientating themselves with the school site
- To minimise 'lost learning' by supporting literacy and numeracy
- To encourage the development of social skills and the making of new friends
- To introduce students to our Outdoor Education programme
- To introduce students to some of the new subjects that they would study.

What activities did students take part in?

Students across both weeks took part in a variety of activities, some of which differed across the two weeks and some that took place in both. Those in bold took part in both weeks:

- Climbing on our outdoor climbing wall
- An introduction to journalling
- Disney character creation
- Playing the ukulele
- Team building
- Making clay monster pots
- 'Get to know me' activities
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Yoga
- Archery

- French/Spanish
- Biology investigation
- Art therapy
- Geography
- Cookery
- Drama
- Origami
- KNBS heritage exploration
- KNBS STRIVE values
- Creative writing

Students were encouraged to take part in all of the activities on offer. In addition to these activities, on the Friday of each week, students engaged in a range of whole group activities, which was then followed by a Celebration Event to which parents were invited. At this, students were given bespoke certificates, celebrating their successes across the week, and all were given a KNBS PE bag and pencil case.



Who delivered the Summer School?

In addition to teaching staff who prepared and delivered their sessions, in attendance across the two weeks were also:

- A member of the Senior Leadership Team
- A Designated Safeguarding Lead
- A First Aider
- Canteen staff
- Cleaning staff
- Site team

Additional Summer School Offer

In addition to the main Summer School Offer, we also offered a drama course, in conjunction with Birmingham Hippodrome in the week commencing 26th of July 2021 for 5 days. This course was offered to students in year 7 & 8 to aid their transition into the new academic year and build confidence. This provided an opportunity for students to engage with professional actors, to learn more about the theatre industry and to develop social skills and independence.

Summer School 2021 - Cost Dashboard

	Allocation Funding	£47,760
	Total Expenditure	£31,823.14
Total Resources Costs		£3,177.37
Total Catering Cost		£609.95
Total Staffing Cost		£28,035.82