

Colne Community School and College Summer School Impact Statement 2021

At the Colne Community School and College we understand that Covid-19 had a detrimental impact on students' social skills, attendance, achievement and mental health. In addition to a 2 day transition, induction evening and tours around the school, all Year 6 students looking to attend The Colne had an exciting opportunity to attend the Summer School and spend the week from the 19th-23rd July at The Colne. The aim of this programme was to deliver a blend of academic education and enrichment activities and to experience mixing with other students from the feeder schools. It was also designed to offer a further opportunity to move around school and meet different staff here at The Colne. This gave students a platform for September, through our literacy and numeracy offering. The summer school also provided opportunities for students to access sporting activities, performing arts, science, geography and history to build and develop their interpersonal skills, which had been stymied by the pandemic. Over the course of the week a range of activities were planned and were designed to support their emotional, academic and physical well-being. This was complemented with a full day of enrichment activities, including an Inflatable Assault Course, Wipeout Challenge, Bungee Run, Pole Joust, Football Darts competitions and many more on the Friday. During this week all educational resources such as stationery were provided to ensure the event remained Covid-19 secure, and class sizes were kept to a maximum of 14 to allow social distancing in the classroom.

Attendance:

A total of 236 Year 6 students joining The Colne in September 2021 were offered the opportunity to take part in the Summer School with no cost to their family. From the 236 students, 160 students expressed interest in attending, with the actual attendance being 123 students for the week. This was due to many students having to self isolate that come into close contact with other students having Covid-19.

Week Day	Number of Students attended
Monday	120
Tuesday	119
Wednesday	120
Thursday	121
Friday	123

Summary of the Week's Activities:

Week Day	Activities
Monday	English, Maths, Science and Sport
Tuesday	Drama, Business, Maths, Sport History and Team games
Wednesday	English, Sport, Team games, Science, Maths and Business
Thursday	Drama, English, Science, Geography, Sport, Business and History
Friday	Assault Course Inflatable, Bungee Run Inflatable, Wipeout Inflatable challenge, Gold cup Horse Race, Batak Pro, Football Darts and Pole Joust Inflatable

Funding Allocations:

Income	
Number of students invited	236
Number of students Attended	123
Funding per child	£298.50
Total income	£36,715.50

Expenditure	
Staffing	£12,754.95
Free School Meals	£250
Tablets	£4,700
SEN Equipment	£1,800
Chromebooks & Trolleys	£13,620
Inflatable equipment hire	£3,000
Arts and Crafts	£150
Sports Equipment	£3,593

Rewards	£40
Total expenditure	£39,967.95

Feedback:

Students were asked about their experience on Friday 23rd, the final day of the Summer School. They identified their favourite parts of the Summer School, these included;

- The Team building activities especially the inflatables.
- The chance to see the School
- Meeting new friends from other schools
- Meeting the teachers
- Playing on the Astro turf with their friends at lunchtime

Parents also provided feedback during this week from the experience their child had received, examples of these included:

- Thank you for doing the summer school as it really has helped my child with looking forward to starting in September as I know he was very nervous. He has loved every part of the experience.
- Dear organisers of summer school. I just wanted to say thank you as a parent and from my son. He had a lovely week and made some friends and is feeling even more excited about starting year 7 thanks again to all that looked after the kids much appreciate.
- I was really pleased that the Colne were holding a summer school for the incoming year 7's during this week, my daughter was really looking forward to the whole experience.
- My daughter has loved this week so much! Thank-you
- I believe that this week has given my son an insight on what to expect when he starts secondary school in Sept and he is excited and can't wait - so job well done!
- Huge thanks to all of the staff for providing this experience. My daughter has really enjoyed it and feels much more positive about starting in September.

Overview:

The summer school was very successful and achieved its aims of supporting Y7 transition both academically and in terms of their wellbeing. Giving the students opportunities to meet new friends, the staff and become familiar with their surroundings. The varied curriculum successfully captured students' imaginations, whilst also providing them with a sound introduction to our routines and expectations. The structure of the day worked well and could be replicated without change. Attendance at the summer school would have been higher if restrictions with Covid-19 weren't in place at the time. This is due to few parents responding to the initial summer school invitation saying they would have liked their child to attend, but then unfortunately had to isolate.

Pictures:

