

Summer School Report – Autumn Term 2021

All of our new year seven students were invited to participate in our Summer School in August 2021. The focus of the week was to prepare students for transition and to alleviate any worries they may have about joining the school. It was also a fantastic opportunity for school staff to get to know our new students and identify any who may need extra support with the transition.

Students could opt for as many of the days as they liked of the four on offer. All students were given a stationary starter pack which provided them with the key equipment for the start of their secondary education.

The timings of the day were organised in line with a normal school day to allow students to experience what this would be like. They attended five sessions, taught by subject specialist staff, all of whom teach at the school. Lessons happened in subject areas across the school, giving students the opportunity to move around the site and become familiarised with the layout. Learning Support Assistants were placed with most groups and small group support was available for students on the SEND register.

A range of lessons were taught during the week with all students receiving Maths, English and Science sessions and then a range of more practical and creative subjects such as Drama, DT, Food and Nutrition, Technology and Computing. All students also attended a session designed to explore the values of our school alongside tips for managing stress and worry when moving to secondary school.

Lunch and break times were held in the school diner with students able to experience the way this space operates and the types of food on offer.

Towards the end of the week parents and carers were invited onto the school site for a tour (led by their children) and an opportunity to ask questions of senior members of staff.

The total cost of Summer School 2021 was £38,256.

A breakdown of costs:

Staffing £29,194

Food £2,559

Resources £6,503