

## Summer School 2021

The whole of the new Year 7 cohort were invited to attend a full week of Summer School from Monday 16th to Friday 20th August 2021. The Summer School was fully funded by the Department for Education at a cost of £50,949. The aims of the Summer School were for students to:

- familiarise themselves with the school
- meet Weatherhead staff
- make new friends
- experience new activities
- undertake Literacy and Numeracy workshops
- challenge themselves
- have fun

The funding was used to pay for staff planning from May to July 2021, resources, equipment, refreshments, external workshop practitioners, approximately 30 staff per day during the week which included first aiders, reception staff, senior management, TA support, SEND support, support staff and teaching staff as follows:

External practitioners	£13,223
Teaching staff	£13,730
Support staff	£7,750
Resources, equipment and stationery	£9,283
Books	£1,560
Refreshments, lunches, ice cream/Yog bar	£5,403

We were delighted to welcome over 180 students (almost 70% of the cohort) who enjoyed a week packed full of workshops including: Zumba, learning about the Suffragettes in a History workshop, bracelet making, circus skills, Music and Science. A team from *Positively Mad* ran some popular sessions on resilience, team building, literacy and numeracy. The highlights of the week were making owl face cloths in the *Harry Potter* themed session run by our very aptly named LRC Manager, Miss H Grainger, a visit from Rainforest Dave and his *Rainforest Roadshow* in which students learn about the Amazon rainforest, it's culture, wildlife, people and habitat. Lyndsey from *Animals Take Over* was a huge hit in which students were allowed to pet animals including a barn owl, a sugar glider, a bearded dragon, a corn snake, a leopard gecko, a guinea pig, a chinchilla, a rabbit and a mouse.

Students enjoyed using the school's facilities including the tennis courts, the theatre, the sports hall, the gym, Science labs and the dining room and particularly enjoyed sampling the lunch menu one day. Students were provided with refreshments throughout the day, a packed lunch on four days and enjoyed a treat from the *Yog Bar*, Hoylake on the penultimate day and an ice cream on the last day!

The funding was used to provide every student with a goodie bag at the end of the week up to the value of £30. This included:

- a Weatherhead branded drawstring bag and a water bottle
- a copy of *How to be a Champion* by Marcus Rashford and a magnetic bookmark
- a pen drive, a Weatherhead pen and highlighter
- a motivational postcard and notebook
- pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber and pencil case
- stretchy man stress reliever and fun shaped post-it notes
- a packet of colouring pens and pencils
- a calculator and a Maths set