

Holy Family - Summer School Report 2021

As part of COVID-19 reconnection, the government provided funding to deliver a short summer school, offering a blend of academic education and enrichment activities. Holy Family ran a Summer School in line with the published guidance which ran from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July 2021

The summer school was funded by a grant from the Department for Education and was targeted at Year 6 students transitioning into Year 7. All 195 students due to come to Holy Family Catholic School in September 2021 were offered a place.

Of the 195 students invited to attend, 127 students attended; a take up rate of 65%. Of the students that attended, 34% were eligible for pupil premium. In total, 600 days of learning were provided.

The emphasis of the activities provided was very much to mirror life at Holy Family. Lessons were delivered from across the curriculum, with an emphasis on the core subjects.

Enrichment activities were also a significant feature of the week including PE, cooking and making their own clocks in Design Technology. An awards ceremony took place at the end of the week in which students were presented with certificates for attending and achieving well throughout the week. All students also were presented with their own dictionary & thesaurus, a scientific calculator and a maths set.

Each day, students and staff were provided with healthy snacks at break time and a packed lunch with dessert and drink.

Funding received from the Department for Education was £34,820, of which staffing costs were approximately 63%, with the remainder spent on resources and catering. The school met the costs of caretaking, running the buildings and cleaning from its own resources.

Our summer school was staffed by senior staff, qualified teachers, learning support assistants and PE coach, all from our own school. In addition, our contracted caterer provided meals each day.

At the end of the summer school, all students were asked to complete a feedback questionnaire in which the overwhelming majority of students said they enjoyed the week and had learnt a lot.