

Hornsea School and Language College



HSLC Summer School (August 2021)

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According to the DfE, anecdotal evidence has suggested that children and young people's mental health suffered from lockdown and from periods of individual or class isolation, even after schools reopened fully in the Autumn Term 2020. Summer School provision with an academic focus has the potential to support attending pupils to make up for some of their missed education. Evidence also suggests a broader benefit for families and communities including support for vulnerable children and young people, pupil mental health and well-being and improved education engagement and transitions.

Source: Summer schools guidance, updated June 2021, DfE.

HSLC Summer School Priorities:

To run a Summer School for Y7 pupils, due to start HSLC in September 2021, offering enrichment activities alongside academic content to create an attractive event for pupils that provides an opportunity for those involved to:

- join educational and enrichment activities that are engaging
- build a community with their fellow pupils
- join activities focusing on social skills and social interaction
- join activities focusing on team-building to help build stronger relationships
- forge relationships with new teachers
- familiarise themselves with their new school environment
- learn the routine of school and classroom expectations
- increase confidence ahead of the start of term, reducing any apprehension or anxiety about starting secondary school

Amount of Funding Received and Breakdown of Spend

Funding Received	£51,043
Expenditure – Staffing <u>This includes:</u> Teaching Staff Teaching Assistants Pastoral Managers Administration Staff Transportation (where required)	£44,312
Expenditure – Equipment Purchases including Bought in Resources	£7,199

Pupil Views

The views of the pupils were sought at the start of the Summer School and on their final day.

92.9% of pupils hoped that they would be able to make new friends. At the end of the Summer School **96.2%** of pupils said they had made friends from other schools.

The survey asked pupils about their favourite parts of the Summer School. In some instances, more than one response was given:

- The activities they did (80.6%)
- Meeting the new teachers (55.6%)
- Making new friends (69.4%)
- Being able to get help with things they find difficult (5.6%)
- Being able to walk to/from school (2.8%)

At the end of the Summer School, all of the pupils were asked if they were looking forward to starting school in September. 96.3% of students indicated "YES". 3.7% of students indicated "MOSTLY/MAYBE". 0% of students said "NO".

When asked if they would recommend attending Summer School to Y6 pupils due to join secondary school next year, 100% replied "YES"

Parent/Carer Views

Many parents/carers contacted the school with their views, a selection are shown here...

A thoroughly enjoyed the summer school and particularly taking part in Oliver. He was very anxious in the week leading up to the Transition Day, which Covid put pay to sadly, but he came home from his first day at Summer School proclaiming it "BRILLIANT" and he never looked back. He has grown in confidence and maturity and delighted to see Drama classes with Mr Sellers on his timetable.

We can't thank you enough for running summer school. Even after her first day E came home full of it saying she'd made some lovely new friends, the lessons were fun and the teachers really nice. It seems to have banished her nerves and fears. She had a great time and was lucky enough to experience two very different weeks (she selected drama week 2.) Thanks for such a positive experience of the school.

G thoroughly enjoyed his summer school. He actually said it's the first time he has looked forward to going to school. G has made friends he is in touch with daily which is a huge step for him as he has struggled socially in Primary school. The variety of activities he really enjoyed and was very proud of his baking and his T shirt he designed himself. I would highly recommend the summer school to help with the transitions to secondary school.

Parent/Carer Views continued...

Charlie absolutely LOVED his week at Summer school! He thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities he did, especially PE and DT. It was an absolutely fantastic introduction to Secondary School, especially as the year 6's were robbed of any real transition due to Covid. A massive thank you to all who organised it. Charlie cannot wait to start in September! Summer School has been invaluable for him; to familiarise himself with staff and meet new friends from other schools without the pressure of term time proper. Now he's really looking forward to the start of term. Thank you for all your hard work.

Amazing Summer School! J was very anxious during the first week, lots of worried thoughts and what if questions. By the second week he has laid out his clothes the night before, got up dressed and ready on time, and enjoyed the whole experience. He has made some friends and today he has worn the Tshirt he made. J has mentioned that he has not hidden in the toilets or got upset. He values the support he is given and has no worries about starting school in September. So thank you to all the staff that support Summer School,

So I feel it was a great success, we are now buying uniform with pride as he wants to look nice when he starts. As J is on the ASD spectrum he struggles with clothing, and the change from a soft polo shirt to a formal shirt would have been a battle, yet he has accepted this new item more ready. I believe this is due to summer school. His anxiety is low about starting school, and eating in front of strangers (because he now has a few friends and staff that he knows). would highly recommend the summer school to help with the transitions to secondary school.