

Tavistock College Summer School 2021 Report

Tavistock College was delighted to offer a Summer School provision as part of our Year 6 transition programme.

Department for Education (DfE) research estimates that in the first half-term of autumn 2020, pupils in:

- year 3 to 9 were on average around 1.6 to 2 months behind on their reading
- year 3 to 7 were around 3.2 months behind on their maths
- schools with high numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals were on average further behind those in schools with low free school meals eligibility

Anecdotal evidence also points to children and young people's mental health having suffered from lockdown and from periods of individual or class isolation even after schools reopened fully in the autumn term.

Summer school provision with an academic focus has the potential to support attending pupils to make up for some of their missed education. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) finds that, on average, pupils attending a summer school can make:

- 2 months' additional progress (compared with pupils who do not attend)
- up to 4 months' additional progress if the summer school offers small group tuition led by highly-trained and experienced teaching staff

Evidence suggests a broader benefit for families and communities, support for vulnerable children and young people, pupil mental health and wellbeing, improved education engagement and transitions, and reduced youth violence.

The summer school programme delivered by Tavistock College ran from **Monday 9th August to Friday 13th August 2021** each day.

The summer school aimed to support Year 6 students transitioning from primary into Year 7 September 2021, and to aid educational recovery following COVID-19, both academically and in terms of wellbeing.

The programme of activities included a blend of academic education delivered through a range of enrichment activities including:

External

- Roadford - activities trip
- Play in day – Student produced "The Greatest Showman" in a day with an external company
- Postively Mad – working on leadership, communication and Physical Exercise

Internal

- English – World of reading linking to Lexia
- Maths – Problem solving using mathematics
- Science – Science in the world of industry – microscopes and chromatography
- PE – Leadership, communication, resilience and Physical Exercise

A nutritious lunch was provided for all pupils.

Attendance:

263 pupils were invited to attend (38 were eligible for pupil premium).

200 pupils signed up to attend (38 were eligible for pupil premium).

Daily attendance:

	Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th	Friday 13 th
Total No: Pupils Attending	178	199	166	181	153
No: eligible for Pupil Premium	34	37	38	38	36

Parents of pupils who had signed up to attend, but not arrived, were contacted.

Summer School Funding:

Pupil places were funded through the DfE at a daily rate of £59.70.

The total amount of funding available based on the number of pupils for whom a place was delivered is £52,356.90.

The total cost of the summer school provision at Okehampton College was £38,639.82, and this amount is being claimed from the DfE.

Parental feedback:

“Thank you for keeping us updated. xxx has thoroughly enjoyed this week, she has had nothing but great things to say about the teachers she has met.

This has helped her to look forward to the start of high school in September”.

“Thank you for the experience that xxxx has had I feel this have been invaluable for him to gain confidence to start in September”.

What was the best part of the day? “When I made a new friend at recess”.

Summary:

The summer school provided a fantastic opportunity for our incoming Year 7 children to have a rich experience during the school holidays and an opportunity for them to meet fellow pupils, build relationships with new teachers and familiarise themselves with their new school environment, routines and expectations.

Feedback from pupils, parents and staff was positive.

If finances permit, there is a strong argument for repeating the summer school in summer 2022. The structure of the day worked well.