

## **The Langton Summer School 2021**

Session 1      Year 7 and 8      -      19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July

Session 2      Year 6                      -      22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

The aim of the summer school was to provide academic catch-up sessions in English and Mathematics, along with social, creative and practical sessions delivered through sport, art, music and drama. Each day started at 9am and finished at 3.30pm.

All students in current year 7 and 8 year groups at the school were invited to attend the first three days and students transitioning from year 6 to The Langton were invited to attend the last two days.

In addition, subject teachers and the pastoral team at the school identified students who were considered most in need of academic and social catch-up. These students were sent further information and invitations to attend if they had not signed up after the blanket invitation.

Teachers from the Mathematics Department, English Department, PE Department, Art Department, Music Department and Drama Department were employed to teach the sessions and a pastoral and safeguarding team were employed to look after the well-being of students. Year 7 form tutors worked for one day, to meet their new tutees and assist the transition from year 6.

Students were taught in small groups and rotated through academic lessons and sport/drama/music/art activities. Every student accessed all lessons and activities. The last afternoon of each session included more social activities including a barbecue and fun games. Inflatables were hired for the last afternoon for the year 6 students.

### Report from Lead Teacher

#### Monday to Wednesday; Years 7 and 8

*Total invited; 160 x year 7 - 160 x year 8. Total - 320*

*Total accepted; 56 x year 7 - 53 x year 8. Total - 109*

*Total attended; year 7 - 50, Year 8 - 36. Total - 86*

#### Aim;

*To focus on English, Maths, the Arts and Sport.*

#### Purpose of aim;

*After the various disruptions to learning, whether that be through virtual learning due to national lockdowns or students having to isolate after being track and traced, it was identified that core skills were not where they should be at this stage in both the students' academic life and personal life.*

*Maths and English were highlighted as two subjects that must be allocated time during the Summer School. basic skill sets like; problem solving, mental arithmetic, comprehension,*

*spelling and handwriting all needed to be worked upon to bridge gaps prior to progressing within the Key Stage.*

*Whilst, Drama, Music and Art allowed for the students to work on their creativity, reflection, imagination, listening and speaking and critical thinking skills. Allowing for the arts to have a purpose during the Summer School was important at Simon Langton because it allowed to build upon the soft skills and attributes looked for in our young people.*

*Sport allowed for the students to increase their fitness levels to where they once were pre March 2020. After most admitting that they rarely went outside during the lockdowns, fitness levels decreased, impacting physical and mental health. What was provided not only boosted fitness, but also worked on skills needed in sports that are played within the school, as well as a great exercise to team build and verbally communicate with peers rather than using technology.*

#### Thursday and Friday; Year 6

*Total invited; 160 students*

*Total invited; 138 students*

*Total attended; 132 students*

#### Aim;

*To introduce the Year 6's to the Langton curriculum and the Langton way.*

#### Purpose of aim;

*The two days allowed for the students to meet some key members of the Year 7 staff; HoY, Pastoral Lead and Form Tutors, whilst also meeting some subject teachers. This allowed the students to feel a little less anxious about joining secondary school in September, hoping for a smoother transition after the disruption primary schools have also had due to the pandemic. Time was also spent with Form Tutors Thursday morning for Q&A's and ice breakers in their houses. This allowed students to learn more about the Langton and the school system, their house and more importantly about each other.*

*A similar format followed as previously discussed for years 7 and 8, and for the same reasons; bridging gaps in key skills needed. It was felt it was important to again focus on Maths and English, along with the Arts and Sport due to these not only being very popular amongst the younger students at the school, but also because the skills taught in these subjects are needed as the students' progress within the school. The experience also allowed the students to witness the type of teaching and learning that takes places here at the Langton, thus appreciating the standard expected of them when they join. It also gave an advantage to the departments about what level these students will be joining us at in September, thus allowing for better planning in the new academic year.*

*The social event on Friday PM allowed for all year 6's to mix and socialise in a more relaxed setting. A variety of games and sports were organised for all personality types, thus allowing for students to start forming friendships whilst building relationships with the key staff of Year 7.*



## Summer School

### Proposed Year 6 Timetable

Session Times	Thursday					Friday					
	Sport	Art	English	Maths	Drama		Sport	Art	English	Maths	Drama
8.45-9.30	<b>Assembly/Tutor Groups</b>					8.45-9.00	<b>Assembly</b>				
9.30-11.10	B	H	M	S	Y	9.00-10.40	S	Y	B	H	M
11.10-12.50	H	M	S	Y	B	10.40-12.10	Y	B	H	M	S
12.50-1.30	<b>Lunch</b>					12.10-1.00	<b>Lunch</b>				
1.30-3.10	M	S	Y	B	H	1.00-3.15	<b>Grand Finale</b>				
3.10-3.30	<b>Dismissal from the main hall</b>					3.15-3.30	<b>Dismissal from the main hall</b>				

138 students

5 groups in houses (26-29 students)

Sport

- 2 staff

Art

- 2 staff

Drama

- 2 staff

English

- 2 staff

Maths

- 2 staff

Assembly/Pastoral Care

- Thursday (2 staff + 5 form tutors)                      Friday (2 staff)

Safe Guarding Lead

- 1 staff

## Funding

The Langton Summer School was fully funded. The funding claimed is broken down as follows:

Staffing	£20,517.40
English workbooks	£1,753.20
Maths equipment	£1,768.35
Art printing press	£790.00
Art materials	£596.58
Barbecue	£662.55
Inflatables	£750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£26,838.08</b>