



## The Oaks Secondary School Summer School 2021

A Summer School was held at The Oaks Secondary School for all of our new Year 7 starters. The Summer School was delivered in accordance with the guidance and conditions of funding for schools and a blend of transition activities, academic and enrichment opportunities were provided. We included a variety of workshops led by outside providers. The range of pupils catered for ranged from pupils with Moderate to Severe Learning Difficulties, pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties and pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.



The Summer School had a Harry Potter theme which engaged pupils and allowed staff to work with consistency and create a commonality between lessons. Not only did we utilise these lessons to transition the pupils into life at The Oaks, we used this additional time to give pupils introductory lessons in various creative and enriching subject areas and baseline assess pupils in order to identify their target grades for the coming academic year. Pupils participated in English lessons and maths lessons each morning and a different subject area each day for the full afternoon.

### English

In English students experienced making spells and writing their own spell linked to following instructions and writing instructions. The ingredients for the spell were all edible - jelly eyeballs and brains, strawberry laces for 'guts' so the students produced a gory spell with the ingredients and took them home for a treat.

For descriptive writing they participated in a treasure hunt based on HP characters, identified through descriptive words and phrases. They then created their own character to fit in with the HP stories. They used an online programme or drew their character using descriptive words and phrases and more sophisticated methods such as simile and metaphor.

## Maths

Maths lessons were a combination of Harry Potter related activities and maths games which incorporated, patterns and solving puzzles, 2-digit subtraction, 2-digit subtraction with carry, shape and mazes, bonds to 10, addition to 10, subtraction to 10, place value using tens and ones, basic tables (5's 10's) and creating pictures from simple 2d regular shapes.

Pupils were given introductory lessons into the following areas which also allowed teaching staff to identify their target grades. We also carried out drama workshops for each class throughout the week.

## Science

Each class took part in an afternoon of Science in which the topic was chemical wizardry. These involved pupils learning how to safely lighting a Bunsen burner, conducting flame tests and watching a chemical reaction.

## PE

Pupils participated in a game of quidditch which was adapted to use hoola hoops, dodge balls and volley balls. The ultimate goal of this game was to have fun. At the same time, pupils learned a unique new game and developed skills such as listening and following directions, understanding the rules to a game, and playing a game fairly and honestly as well as teamwork.

## Design and Technology

Pupils were introduced to sewing by hand. They were introduced to and practiced a simple hand sewing stitch and used it to create a phone or tablet case that they had designed in the theme of Harry Potter. Some pupils utilised their hand sewing to create a Harry Potter plush toy in a character of their choice.

## Preparation for Adulthood

Pupils created a personal profile about themselves and tell us a bit about their time in primary school. Staff discussed with pupils the concerns and worries they have and assure them that lessons this term will focus on how to overcome these concerns and to settle well into life at Secondary School. An introduction to mindfulness was also incorporated into lessons.



Each day we hosted a different provider to enrich the summer school through fun and educational workshops:

Educational workshop providers	
Monday	Fun Science
Tuesday	Jesse Ward Bubbleologist
Wednesday	Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society
Thursday	Zoo Lab
Friday	Education Group LTD VR space workshop.



The Friday afternoon included an assembly to celebrate the achievements of each individual pupil throughout the Summer School through certificates and reward 'acorns' we also decorated the school hall and had lunch in the style of a wizard's feast.



## Places

Dates	Places offered	Places attended
16 <sup>th</sup> August	61	34
17 <sup>th</sup> August	61	37
18 <sup>th</sup> August	61	34
26 <sup>th</sup> August	61	33
27 <sup>th</sup> August	61	33

## Funding

	Expenditure
Staffing	£18,882.46
External providers	£2,208.00
Resources	£2,325.64
	Total claimed £23,416.10

## Staffing

Staffing for activities provided by:
Qualified teachers from out school
Teaching assistants from our school
Support assistants from our school