



Summer School 2021

In response to the disruption to learning caused by the pandemic, the Department for Education pledged to provide funding for secondary schools to host summer schools in 2021. The aim of the programme was to 'offer a blend of academic education and enrichment activities' to ease the transition of Year 6 pupils into secondary school.

Backwell School is accustomed to providing a Summer School programme as part of its annual Enrichment offering and was delighted to support this initiative to benefit the North Somerset community.

The school provided five days of activities during the first week of the school summer holidays, which was available for all students joining the school for Year 7. Out of the 270 places available, 200 students signed up for the fully-funded summer school. In addition to the activities provided, all students were offered a menu of nutritious hot and cold meals made by our catering provider, Aspens, at no charge to parents and carers.

A variety of activities were formulated with the aim of encouraging children to try new things, make new friends and increase their confidence before embarking on their secondary school journey with Backwell School.

Literary, numeracy, sports, outdoor and enrichment activities included the following:

Ultimate Frisbee	Comic Art	Science Explorer Dome
Tchoukball	Maths on the Move	English
Hockey	Problem Solving Activities	Crime Scene Investigation
Orienteering	Multi-Sports	Graffiti Art
Team Challenges	School Tours	Learning Superpowers

The Summer School was delivered in partnership with PH Sports, with the involvement of Backwell School teaching and support staff, teachers from other North Somerset schools and external activity providers. The high involvement of existing school staff was an invaluable part of the Summer School's success. Head of Year 7, Mr Paul Stephens, welcomed the group at the start of the week and this was followed by an inspirational speech by GB athlete, Phil Wylie, who has 20 years' experience of racing triathlon, duathlon and running at an elite level.

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Students were polled at the beginning and end of the week to gauge the effect of the programme's aims with *an increased percentage of confidence in all areas*, notably with starting school in Year 7:

Scores out of 5	Confident about English in Year 7	Confident about Maths in Year 7	Confident about Getting around school in Year 7	I know some names of people in my tutor group	I feel okay working with new teachers	I feel confident starting school in Year 7
Pre Assessment	3.47	3.54	3.35	3.77	3.97	3.54
Post Assessment	4.1	3.9	4.15	4.45	4.31	4.39
Percentage Increase	18%	10%	24%	18%	9%	24%

Accumulative math skills improvement of students during the week of Summer School:

Algebra, Ratio & Proportion					
Lesson 1		Lesson 2		Lesson 3	
Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
716	743	627	714	768	792
Improved by	4%	Improved by	14%	Improved by	3%

Breakdown of spend

Item	Cost £
Food Provision	4,025
Enrichment Activities	5,595
Premises Costs	5,166
Admin, Materials & Pupil Provision	2,681
External Partners	14,633
Total Staff Resources	27,600
Total Expenditure	59,700
Available Funding	£
1,000 days x £59.70	59,700