

HLC Summer School 2021

The purpose of HLC Summer School was to provide students with the opportunity to access additional literacy and numeracy sessions to combat the lost learning due to COVID-19 over the last 18 months. An additional aim of the programme, which we believe to be equally important, was the focus on social skills and mental health of our young people. These have taken a real hit this year and the summer school provided an opportunity to have social interaction, team building and work on resilience and respect.

The HLC Summer School ran between Monday 9th August and Friday 13th August 2021 between 9am-2:45pm. During the week, students had daily literacy and numeracy sessions alongside additional sessions of sport, arts, ICT, Humanities and team building. This was a fantastic opportunity to build friendships before the start of school in September.

Summer School was open to all year 6 students transitioning to HLC Secondary in September 2021. A particular effort was made to engage more vulnerable students (PP, SEN, CP). We also invited students in years 7-10 who we felt would benefit from intervention work through the holidays. These students worked with an alternative provision – Crossbar Alternative Provision – on positive engagement and resilience activities off site at locations like Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Attingham Park and Love 2 Stay.

In order to help our students get to know the school and teachers best, we prioritised getting as many staff in to the school to support as possible. We used a range of classrooms and activities and drew on the support of teaching assistants, the SEND team and student support managers. This was to ensure that students had as many recognisable faces in September as possible. We prioritised small groups and high staff ratios throughout the week. Our building is owned and maintained by Mitie and therefore required us to hire our facilities for the duration of the week.

We used facilities and resources that students will be able to access through their time at HLC with catering provided by our in-house team and we finished the week with a celebration and ice cream!

Attendance:

256 students were invited to attend our Summer School. Attendance was:

Date	09/08/2021	10/08/2021	11/08/2021	12/08/2021	13/08/2021
Number of students	168	171	163	152	149

Parents of students who had been signed up to attend, but did not arrive were contacted daily. The two main reasons for non-attendance were change of holiday plans and COVID isolation.

Feedback

Feedback was sought following the summer school, with very positive comments from parents/carers and students:

3. Does your child feel more confident at the thought of starting in September after attending the Summer School?

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Yes	59
No	1



4. Do you feel your child has had an opportunity to get to know the school building and routines after attending Summer School?

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Yes	60
No	1



5. Has the Summer School allowed your child to build friendships?

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Yes	61
No	0



6. Does your child feel they have had an opportunity to get to know their teachers at HLC Secondary?

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Yes	57
No	3



7. Do you feel Summer School has provided an opportunity for your child to build their resilience?

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Yes	52
No	0
Maybe	9

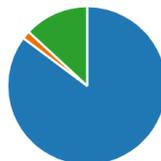


8. Has the Summer School improved your child's wellbeing?

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Yes	52
No	1
Maybe	8



9. Do you feel the Summer School has helped support your child's progress with literacy and numeracy?

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● Yes 53
● No 8



10. On a scale of 1-5 (1 = not at all, 5 = very well) how well do you feel Summer School supported your child with transition to HLC Secondary?

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61
Responses

4.84
Average Number

11. Would you recommend Summer School to new Year 6 students next year?

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● Yes 61
● No 0



Comments from parents/carers and students:

A number of parents/carers and students also took the opportunity to add additional comments, for example:

"Henri has had a fantastic week at summer school and has been enthusiastic about starting every morning. It's been great to see him so happy, making new friends and getting to know his teachers (who he loves already!) Thank you so much for all the support this week, especially on Monday when he was apprehensive and worried about starting a new school. Summer school has definitely benefited Henri and made it a lot easier for him starting in September. He's very much looking forward to starting his new journey at HLC."

"My daughter has attended all 5 days of Summer School, which she has thoroughly enjoyed every minute and I feel this has helped her tremendously, as her anxiety was becoming overwhelming at the thought of starting secondary school without any insight to who would be in her form group, as well as how she would find her way around the school. Summer School has given her the opportunity to grown in confidence with the layout of the school, while meeting other Yr 7 students in a more relaxed atmosphere, rather than transitioning on a normal, busy, whole school day. Thank you so much to all HLC staff for making Summer School possible, we really appreciate all your hard work and time in order to make this happen."

"Thank you for the help and i loved it- from Fatima"

"My daughter entered HLC with nervous and tentative feelings, each day she came home with a wider smile and stories of the days activities and new friends she had made, she experienced a range of curriculum offers and hasn't stopped talking about them since, her favourite being

music. Her numeracy lessons have always been a challenge but she couldn't speak highly enough of them since summer school and has actively been studying topics taught during the summer school as she enjoyed them so much. Thank you to the staff for making this experience special for my daughter and all other students whom attended."

"We thought Summer School was an excellent idea, as the children didn't get an opportunity to attend HLC for there Induction Days. It has helped with making new friends and overcoming there nerves before attending in September. The activities were a great help to the children because it gave them an insight of what they will be doing at HLC. I would definitely recommend Summer School next year, as my son maybe attending HLC in 2022 and it will help him gain confidence, also give him the opportunity to make new friends before attending in September. Not forgetting that he can get a taster of the school building as a Secondary school building is totally different compared to a Primary school setting."

Finance:

Costs incurred: £56,781

Costs included: Administration, Alternative Provision – Crossbar Coaching, Building Hire, Food, Resources & Staffing