Summer School Impact Statement

The government made funding available for a short summer school offering a blend of academic education and enrichment activities. For our pupils the transition to year 7 is a challenging time and the impact of the pandemic has hugely increased this challenge. Pupils have not had the opportunities they would have been able to experience pre pandemic therefore we focused our summer school on this cohort of pupils for one week. 6 from 20 in this group took up the offer of a place. The school claimed £2956.90 of the government spend, this was used to provide a high staffing ratio per pupil to support with their ASD needs. With the funding we were able to plan, deliver and support the pupils in accessing the range of learning opportunities on offer and also develop academic skills around communication and language.

As a Headstart Mark of Excellence School we were able to access enrichment and academic activities at no cost that would promote the well-being of our learners and be suitable for their ASD needs.

The following was provided during the week:

* Sensory music workshops,
* Drama/reading workshop provided by the library service,
* Cooking
* Art and crafts
* ICT opportunities
* PE/sports activities

The main aim of the summer school was primarily to increase student confidence, begin to build a community with their peers, develop relationships and learn about their new environment. This was able to be achieved due to the funding available to cover the cost of school staff. In addition to this the pupils:

* Participated in physical activity which they would not have been able to access had they been at home.
* Developed a healthy menu, knowledge around healthy eating and acquire the skills to create the menu. This included opportunities for reading and functional math to follow and make recipes.
* Improved their social interaction and communication skills through the carefully planned activities and the targeted questioning from our school staff.
* Engaged in conversations that they would not have had the opportunity to have done had they been at home.