

Saxon Mount Summer School 2021

Due to additional funding made available by the DfE, Saxon Mount School were able to offer an enhanced summer school provision. We offered 8 days provision as part of our transition programme for pupils starting with us in year 7 and a further 9 days for pupils in years 8-11.

The school collaborated with local providers to ensure we delivered an enriching, innovative programme to encourage pupil engagement.

The objectives of our programme were to:

- Improve emotional well being of pupils through engagement
- Raise pupil aspirations
- Provide opportunities to build positive relationships with school staff and peers
- Develop self-confidence and self-awareness.

Approaches taken to ensure summer school provision was effective at meeting our objectives and in using funding appropriately included:

- Activities focused on team building;
- Allocating time for pupils to get to know one another and their teachers (transition);
- Prioritising specific activities and support to help pupils overcome any fears or anxieties;
- Using creative activities to encourage self-expression;

Activities delivered throughout the summer included:

- Offsite day visits to: The Rare Breed Centre; Knockhatch; Bowling
- Onsite music, science and animal workshops provided by external providers
- Onsite sporting activities such as kickboxing and rounders
- Cooking
- Team building
- Orienteering

In total 82 pupils accessed the summer school and 292 sessions were attended. 93% of pupils starting in year 7 attended at least one day.

The £13 285 funding from the DfE was used to pay for staffing, resources / transport costs and external agencies.

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