



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Summer School Statement 2021

At the beginning of the summer holiday, St Catherine's College delivered a summer school to welcome and support new students into the college community. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to run our normal transition process which involves visiting students in their primary schools and inviting them to St Catherine's College for a taster day. The Summer School was a government funded scheme which replaced key transition activities, which had to be cancelled this year due to COVID. It was a great success.

All Year 6 students were invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The children joined us from over twenty different primary schools and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to spend time together and get to know the other children in their year group. We were overwhelmed with the positive uptake of the Summer School.

We were able to run eight classes with up to 22 students in each. We were pleased to offer a wide range of opportunities and experiences which included: wellbeing sessions, descriptive English writing tasks, mathematics, science (with experiments), dance, drama, a wide range of physical activities, singing and creative food decorating! All these subjects were delivered by our experienced staff body, which allowed our students to experience a glimpse of life at St Catherine's College.

By the end of the week, we could see how many new friendships had been formed; how worries and anxieties had been eased; and, most importantly, how students were able to develop their passion for learning and subjects!

This was a rewarding experience for all and we know that our student community benefited from the St Catherine's College Summer School. The feedback we received from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive. The Summer School has certainly contributed to the children having a smooth start to the secondary school education.

Summer School Payments £48,476.35