

## TGS Summer School 2021: Overview report

Rationale	Following guidance from the <a href="#">DfE</a> it was decided that the aim of the week was to ‘blend academic and enrichment opportunities’ to help bridge the gap in education that the new cohort of Year 7 students have endured due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was felt that the current Year 7 students - having missed so much of Year 6 and being denied the traditional transition experience - would benefit most from a Summer School programme. It was decided that we focus on increasing school readiness in terms of confidence, expectations and familiarity with school values and systems.
Cohort & Attendance	Over the course of the week, 208 students attended at least one day. The majority of students (148) attended all five days. Throughout the week attendance was excellent, with an average <u>expected attendance</u> of 96.7% This report is using ‘expected attendance’ because the number of students due to attend varied each day with pre-booked commitments such as holidays and engagements, but attendance was consistently excellent throughout the week. All the feeder schools saw at least one student attend.
Provision	<p>We were able to offer ‘taster lessons’ for all core subjects (including booster sessions in literacy and numeracy) as well as a mix of traditionally academic subjects such as History, and creative subjects such as Drama and Music. These lessons were planned specifically to showcase their subjects and to embed key knowledge that would help students access the curriculum when they started Year 7.</p> <p>In addition to classroom-based sessions, we offered activities run by external workshops aimed at personal skills: such as communication, ambition, and resilience. We hosted a Circus Skills workshop for two days, and a Den Building workshop for four days. Lastly, we offered activities that we felt addressed the ‘school readiness’ aim of the week, including, but not limited to; tours of the school; how to be a successful learner; and getting to know key staff such as the Year 7 pastoral leaders and some of the Year 7 Tutor Team.</p>
Funding & Spending	<p>In terms of the staffing of Summer School, 26 staff were involved in the programme either before or during the week that represented an excellent cross-section of the school community; teaching staff; associate staff; pastoral staff; and members of the Leadership Team.</p> <p>The breakdown of costs for Summer School is as follows: Staffing; £23, 146; Catering; £500; Cleaning; £500; Resources &amp; Supplies; £8,215; Total Cost; £32,287</p>
Outcomes & Feedback	<p>To assess the impact, parents were asked to record the feelings of the students regarding specific school-readiness criteria using a simple ‘out of ten’ format (one being very low in confidence; ten being very high in confidence). The focus of the questions ranged from navigating around the school site, to expectations within a classroom, to understanding the school values.</p> <p>The exact same questions were sent out again once Summer School concluded. The change in the average scores for each question allows us to determine the level of impact that Summer School has had on the students. On average, scores went up from 5.1 to 7.88 – showing a clear positive impact of the week.</p>
Links	<p>The Summer School Celebration video can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>A breakdown of the impact of Summer School, following comparison between ‘before and after’ questions and breakdown of themes, can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Feedback from parents following the culmination of the Summer School can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>