

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

2021

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Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School

Mission: Faith guides us to inspire every student to be the best they can be.

Vision: An inclusive community of excellence and opportunity

Values: Respect
Compassion
Aspiration

Intent:

The aim of the Summer School was to offer a blend of academic education and enrichment activities to year 6 students to support them in their transition to secondary school. In line with our school mission, vision and values we provided an exciting, educational and enriching 6-day programme.

Summer School Outline:

The summer school was run over 6 days during the dates 16/08/2021 to 23/10/2021

275 children were invited from the year 6 cohort of students who had chosen to join our school in September. Of these students 135 confirmed places and attended our summer school. Out of the 135 students in attendance 40% (54) of these students had been eligible for free school meals in the past 5 years.

In order to assist with them building new friendships at secondary school students carried out the activities in their tutor groups and on some activities combined with other tutor groups to make an even wider social circle.

The activities that were on offer are below:

Activity	
Chester Zoo	<p>Students attended a workshop developing their teamwork and communication skills to work together to build a life size elephant and giraffe skeleton puzzle.</p> <p>They also investigated the similarities and differences between skeletons of a number of zoo animals and discover how animals can move in many different ways.</p> <p>You can't help but be inspired to learn about the animals, nature and conservation. The behaviour of the students was outstanding and it was so good to see new friendships being formed. A fantastic day was had by all.</p>
Art	<p>In art students were looking at cross cultures and the history and creation of native American totem poles. Students designed and created their own totem pole using clay.</p> <p>There was some fantastic works of art produced.</p>
Outdoor Adventurous Activities	<p>We visited Cheshire Outdoors to provide students with a wide range of outdoor activities. Students carried out activities on segway's, crazy golf, football darts, human table football, low ropes, archery and air aifles and watched an amazing falconry display which was very educational.</p> <p>This was a fantastic team building activity as students had to work together to be successful and was also an opportunity to explore new skills.</p>
Physical Education	<p>Students were provided with the opportunity to explore old school sports day activities and mini Olympics in which they had lots of fun in the process. Students had to work together to explore each other strengths and weaknesses and apply them to different activities and help each other improve.</p> <p>Students participated in the following fun races: egg and spoon, sack, space hoppers, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race and many more. There explored competition in a fun way.</p>
Science	<p>Our summer school scientists used their excellent investigative skills in our zoo contamination scenario. They successfully tested water samples to find water that was safe for animals in the zoo to drink.</p> <p>They explored new skills when learning how to safely set up and use a Bunsen burner and completed a set of flame tests to identify the metal contaminant in the animal feed. Students finished off the session by setting fire to Methane bubbles.</p>
Multi Sports	<p>Students visited a sports facility away from the school site to take part in a wide variety of multi-sport activities. Students had an opportunity to show off their existing skills and an opportunity to learn new skills for a variety of sports.</p> <p>Students had to use their communication and team building skills to work together to be successful. They explored Rugby, Football, Netball, Rounders, Handball and dodgeball.</p>
Religious Education and Ethos	<p>In line with our truly inclusive community ethos students look at religions and cultures and how everyone is welcome here. Students explored mini activities that really helped them focus on their inner self such as meditation and how different religions meditate.</p>

	<p>They also had an opportunity to explore different cultures food and had an opportunity to create henna designs using face paints.</p> <p>It was a fantastic opportunity to share values.</p>
Languages and Culture	<p>Our students were given the opportunity to explore French and Spanish and also the culture of these countries. Students were provided with the opportunity to taste test different cuisine from these countries and absolutely loved it.</p>
Math's	<p>Students were provided with a really exciting opportunity to develop their ratio skills through the making of mocktails. Students had to follow a recipe and use the correct ratio's to make the correct drink, however they had to use their important math's skills to calculate/ divide the quantities dependent upon the amount of people wanting a well deserved drink.</p> <p>They really were fantastic at showing of their numeracy skills mentally.</p>

Cost

The overall cost for the summer school was £33123.00. The school never asked for any contribution from families towards this initiative.

Feedback

The feedback from parents and students regarding the summer school was extremely positive. Here are some headlines below.

Out of the pupils surveyed:

- 96% of students said they made new friends
- 87% of students said that they explored new activities
- 61% of students felt like they had learnt something new
- Before attending the summer school 48% of students said they were quite confident in starting high school but after attending the summer school this increased to 100% of students feeling confident in starting high school.