

## Academic Summer School Report – Summer 2021

From 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> August 2021, we took the opportunity to welcome one hundred and twenty students who were due to begin their school career at Summerhill School in the Autumn term of 2021. These students were solely comprised from the new Year 7 cohort.

We offered the opportunity to all prospective Year 7 students to sign up for Academic Summer School in June 2021, and the first one hundred and twenty students who signed up for the programme were selected to take part. Thirty-two members of staff were able to provide support for the students throughout the course of the week.

The Academic Summer School provided students with the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of curriculum lessons at Summerhill over the course of the five-day programme, as well as meet members of staff who they will be working with during their school career. It provided this group of students with a mini transition to the school which they had previously been unable to have due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students mixed with their peers throughout the week, we were able to embed School and House ethos in assemblies, and through subsequent activities during the days the students were in school.

The day began for students at 9.30am in the morning and ended at 2.30pm, and each day the students attended four academic sessions with their allocated group. Throughout the course of the week it was wonderful seeing students blossom in confidence and really enjoy taking part in the variety of lessons/activities provided. Please find below the timetable for Summerhill Academic Summer School:

### Timetable for the week

Registration: Main Hall  
Breaktime & Lunchtime: Quad and MUGA

	Monday 16 August		Tuesday 17 August		Wednesday 18 August		Thursday 19 August		Friday 20 August	
Timings of the day	Group A & B 60 students (2x30)	Group C & D 60 students (2x30)	Group A & B 60 students (2x30)	Group C & D 60 students (2x30)	Group A & B 60 students (2x30)	Group C & D 60 students (2x30)	Group A & B 60 students (2x30)	Group C & D 60 students (2x30)	Group A & B 60 students (2x30)	Group C & D 60 students (2x30)
9.20am Arrival/ reg	Students arrive via PE entrance and go into the Sports Hall.									
9.30am – 10.30am Session 1	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) ULS (A), DCR (B)	Perf Arts (Music 1 & SH) MR (C), OSA (D)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (A), PLB (B)	Art/Tech (AR1 & TX1) DGP (C), OJD (D)	Humanities (LG2 & LG3) PVM (A), PHS (B)	MFL (LG5 & LG6) OCD (C), DIB (D)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) DCF (A), UCB (B)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (C), PLB (D)	Science (SC7 & SC8) PJM (A), DKS (B)	Sports (SH & MUGA)
10.30am – 10.45am Break	Outside area by the MUGA (Sports Hall if bad weather) – pastoral team on duty									
10.45am – 11.45am Break	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) ULS (A), DCR (B)	Perf Arts (Music 1 & SH) MR (D), OSA (C)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UOD (B), PLB (A)	Art/Tech (AR1 & TX1) DGP (D), PTO (D)	Humanities (LG2 & LG3) PVM (B), UCL (A)	MFL (LG5 & LG6) OCD (D), DIB (C)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) DCF (A), UCB (B)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (D), UJM (C)	Science (SC7 & SC8) PJM (B), OAL (A)	Sports (SH & MUGA)
11.45am – 12.15pm Lunch	Outside area by the MUGA (Sports Hall if bad weather) – pastoral team on duty									
12.15pm – 1.15pm Session 3	Perf Arts (Music 1 & SH) MR (A), OSA (B)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) UCB (C), DSR (D)	Art/Tech (AR1 & TX1) PTO (A), OJD (B)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (C), UOD (D)	MFL (LG5 & LG6) OCD (A), DIB (B)	Humanities (LG2 & LG3) PVM (C), PHS (D)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UJM (A), PLB (B)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) ULS (C), OCK (D)	Sports (SH & MUGA)	Science (SC7 & SC8) OAL (C), DKS (D)
1.15pm – 1.30pm Break	Outside area by the MUGA (Sports Hall if bad weather) – pastoral team on duty									
1.30pm – 2.30pm Session 4	Perf Arts (Music 1 & SH) MR (B), OSA (A)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) UCB (C), DSR (D)	Art/Tech (AR1 & TX1) DGP ( )	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (D), PLB (C)	MFL (LG5 & LG6) OCD (B), DIB (A)	Humanities (LG2 & LG3) PVM (D), UCL (C)	Maths (MA1 & MA5) UKF (B), PLB (C)	English (MA4, MA6, MA2, MA3) ULS (C), OCK (D)	Sports (SH & MUGA)	Science (SC7 & SC8) PJM (D), DKS (C)

Over the five-day Academic Summer School programme frequent communication with parents took place, and we were extremely pleased with the positive feedback which was provided. We also took the opportunity to ask the students to feedback on their experience of their week at Summerhill School.

Feedback from students:

What have you learnt this week?

*I loved my maths lessons, and I have learnt that table tennis is a lot more complicated than I thought!*  
Emelia

*I rate my experience at Summerhill 10/10. My favourite lesson was science; I loved the maths escape room and also the English Treasure Island activity. Throughout the week I learnt about the importance of teamwork and most importantly, that I will not be alone in September.*  
Amelia

*I have enjoyed Maths and met new people and learned Cypher. I also enjoyed learning to speak a little Spanish with Mr Bratt and I also can't wait to start in September!* Alfie

After attending the Academic Summer School programme, how do you feel about starting in September:

*I am super excited and I am already really looking forward to start in September. I love being at Summerhill even though its summer school, I feel like I belong here. Thank you for this experience, it has been lovely and I love my new uniform. I cannot wait to come here!* Maisie

*I feel confident and excited!* Alex

*I feel excited and not as scared as I used to feel.*

Amy

Feedback from parents:

*I just wanted to send this email, thanking you for holding Summer School for the new year seven's this week.*

*My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed it and gained a great deal from the week. It has made starting in September an exciting prospect as oppose a daunting one, after the pandemic didn't unfortunately allow for the normal transition days.*

*It is appreciated that many of the Summerhill SLT, teaching and admin team have given part of their own holiday to accommodate this.*

*Thanks again, and looking forward to my daughter starting her journey in September.*

## Finances

Grant received £25,736

Staffing - £13,531

Resources / activities - £12,205