

Summer Academies 2021 - Reach Your Potential and Five To Thrive



The DfE Summer School programme was created in response to the educational impact the pandemic has had on student's learning and mental health. The rationale of our Summer Academy programme was to provide a hybrid model of academic recovery and enrichment activities to reduce lost learning in relation to reading, writing and mathematics.

Additionally, the aim of our Summer Academy was to promote well-being and socialisation opportunities within our school community for students transitioning to the school in the Autumn term as well as students who are currently on roll at the school.

During the Summer term of 2021, we planned and delivered a Summer Academy for three distinct cohorts; The Reach Your Potential Summer Academy for Years 7 and 8 (a 10-day experience) and The Five To Thrive Summer Academy (a five day experience) for those students transitioning to our school from Year 6 into Year 7 in September 2021.

During the fortnight of activities, students were able to familiarise themselves with the school, experiencing everything that Penrice has to offer, as well as enjoying a range of new experiences that were designed to unlock creativity and curiosity with learning. By accessing the Summer Academy, we firmly believe students have been supported to develop their confidence and independent skills, as well as helping them to navigate the school, make new friendships and further establish relationships with teaching staff to support them throughout this academic year.

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Further details regarding our Summer Academy in 2022 for current Year 6 students will be released in due course

Funding Information and Summary of Spending

School Details

Name of school:	Penrice Academy
Total number on roll	1,428
Total number of students who attended the Summer Academies each day	Day 1: 125 Day 2: 118 Day 3: 123 Day 4: 109 Day 5: 103 Day 6: 274 Day 7: 269 Day 8: 258 Day 9: 243 Day 10: 209
Date of Summer Academies and days offered	Year 7 and Year 8: Reach Your Potential 16th-27th August 2021 (10 days) Year 6: Five To Thrive (5 days) 23rd - 27th August 2021 (inclusive)
Year groups who attended	Year 6, 7 and 8

Funding Claimed

Amount of funding claimed:	£57691.68
Total funding received:	£57691.68 (Funding received 01/11/21)
Amount of funding spent:	£57691.68
Amount of funding left unspent:	£0

The funding received enabled the school to:

- Target key groups of learners, including (CiC, SEND, PP, YC) but maximise access for additional groups of students within year groups
- Support transition arrangements for students in Years 6, 7 and 8
- Focus on reading and mathematic recovery
- Provide exceptional enrichment activities that benefited students' communication and physical health and wellbeing
- Provide activities that some students' parents might not have been able to offer during the holiday



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- Ensure the student to staff ratio was appropriate for the successful delivery of the programme
- Provide a safe and stimulating learning environment, with familiar and trusted adults, as well as healthy and nutritious meals to students attending the Summer Academies

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Resource	Cost	Impact	Outcome
Teaching and support staff	£49,999	<p>To ensure the individual needs of students are met</p> <p>To ensure activities are well planned (intent) and delivered thoroughly (implementation)</p> <p>To ensure students accessed a range of academic and enrichment experiences and were curious and motivated to attend each day</p>	<p>Attendance rates were excellent</p> <p>Some students who initially signed up but were unable to attend certain days, related to illness and/or changes to family holiday commitments</p> <p>Students accessed a broad range of learning experiences, promoting reading and mathematical skills as well as experiencing enrichment opportunities across, drama, art, music, computer science and animal husbandry in our Farm</p> <p>Positive impact was noticeable in relation to transition in September – across Yrs. 6-8 inclusive. Students reported being more confident about transitioning around the school site</p> <p>SEND students in Yr. 6, moving into Yr. 7 were able to further establish relationships with their SEND keyworker ahead of the academic year to support transition</p>
Learning resources	£1,576.22	<p>To ensure learning is engaging and inclusive for all students</p>	<p>All students were able to fully access all planned activities, due to scaffolding and tailored resources where appropriate</p> <p>All students read a novel/short stories during the Summer School and had the opportunity to have individual copies to take home and share with parents</p> <p>Students demonstrated increased levels of confidence in their learning abilities and were able to articulate learning well and socialise with different groups of students</p> <p>Students voiced their enjoyment of the Summer Academies, as did parents, particularly those parents of students who were part of our new Year 7 intake. Students were 'Penrice Ready' and eager to start the new term having established friendships, familiarisation and school routines</p>
Transport	£311.90	<p>To provide support for students and their families who had limited transport options for Summer Academy attendance</p> <p>To ensure positive rates of attendance at the Summer Academies by organising taxis for a small group of students</p>	<p>Students who were offered transport had 100% attendance at the Summer Academies</p> <p>Parents/carers reported they were well supported in accessing the provision and communication regarding transport arrangements was excellent</p>



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Food and associated refreshments	£5,804.56	To provide break-time refreshments and snacks To provide a healthy lunchtime meal for all students attending the Summer Academies	Daily healthy and nutritious meals were provided. Students with allergies received appropriate alternatives based on the information provided by Parents/Carers
Total Funding Claim	£57,691.68	Funding received on 01/11/21	

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