**Summer school funding**

**What is the Summer schools programme?**

The Summer schools programme was set up in response to the impact that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic had on pupils learning. The aim of the Summer schools programme was to provide pupils with core academic education and enrichment activities in order to mitigate the impact of lost learning, particularly with regard to reading and mathematics, along with limited transition opportunities.

At West Lakes Academy we aimed to ensure that our summer school programme was used by the pupils who would benefit most. In addition to providing support with English and maths, the funding was used to improve our Summer school programme, which offered an opportunity for pupils to enhance their learning and wellbeing through a range of activities, including team building, music, the arts, drama and sports activities.

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| **School details** | |
| **Name of school:** | West Lakes Academy |
| **School type:** | Secondary academy, sponsor led |
| **Total number of pupils:** | 1,199 |
| **Pupils eligible for FSM:** | 222 |
| **Number of pupils who attended the Summer schools programme:** | 738, average of 148 per day |
| **Total number of absent pupils:** | 0 |
| **Dates the Summer school took place:** | 19th July 2021 – 23rd July 2021 |
| **Number of days offered to pupils:** | 5 days |
| **Year group(s) which attended:** | Incoming year 7 |

Allocated funding

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| **Amount of funding allocated:** | £63,581 |
| **Amount of funding claimed:** | £17,344 |
| **Amount of funding spent:** | £17,344 |

Summary of spending

The fundingenabled the school to:

* Provide quality enrichment activities that benefitted pupils’ reading skills by affording the purchase of class readers that could be enjoyed for the week that would develop students’ literacy skills and cultural awareness.
* Provide quality numeracy enrichment activities where students would be able to develop their skills and explore new areas of mathematics.
* To provide confidence and social skills building activities where students are encouraged to speak publicly and interact with their new peers.
* Provide team building, familiarisation and transition activities that had been unable to happen previously due to the pandemic.
* Ensure the pupil to staff ratio was appropriate for the successful delivery of the programme.
* Provide healthy and nutritious meals to pupils attending the summer school.
* Provide opportunities to take part in meaningful arts related activities, a specialism of the Academy

Record of spending to deliver the summer schools programme

| **Item or project** | **Cost** | **Intended impact** | **Outcome** |
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| Staff costs | £12,788 | To ensure appropriate staffing ratios were in place for the week, including TA support where necessary. | Summer School was fully staffed and able to run. |
| Stationery and materials | £138 | To ensure all activities were appropriately resourced and no barriers to inclusion were in place. | All students could access all activities successfully |
| Curriculum books | £1,148 | To enable a reading canon to be created for the week that all students could individually access. | Each student had access to an individual copy of their reading book, which was chosen not only for enhancing reading skills, but also to broaden their cultural capital. |
| Pet encounter | £420 | To provide context and inspiration for a piece of creative writing following the visit. | Students were able to write descriptive and detailed accounts of their experiences as well as talk in detail about what they had seen. |
| Catering | £2,851 | To ensure a variety of healthy and nutritious meals were available on each day. | All students were able to access catering appropriate to their needs. |

**Difficulties encountered**

* Attendance of a minority of students due to COVID anxieties or positive COVID cases.
* Unfortunate clashes with pre-booked family holidays.

**Declaration**

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