

# Bexley Grammar Summer School 2021



We are delighted to report that over 90% of our incoming Year 7 students, including 100% of students identified as Pupil Premium, were able to attend the Bexley Grammar Summer School, which ran for 1 week between the dates of Monday 26th July and Friday 30th July 2021.

Summer School provision was made possible as a result of available DfE summer school funding in 2021 and the week served to fully support the transition of students into Year 7. The benefit of this event is highlighted by the research of the [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#) which finds that, on average, pupils attending a summer school can make up to 4 months' additional progress, with evidence suggesting a broader benefit for families and communities, support for vulnerable children, pupil mental health and wellbeing and improved education engagement.

The BGS Summer School featured four one-hour lessons each day, with all lessons being delivered by BGS teachers and focusing on supporting students to work together and/or be active. Whilst each lesson was subject-specific in nature, the emphasis was on students completing engaging activities beyond the constraints of the usual curriculum. During the week all students participated in lessons on the subjects of Maths, Literature and Performance, Science, MFL, PE, Art, Food Technology and PSHE. The week also included a full day workshop delivered by the excellent Problem Solving Company, which had all students working in teams to solve a range of problems set up on the school field. For all activities students were organised into small groups of 20 or 10, drawn from across the different tutor groups and teaching groups, giving all an opportunity to get to know a variety of peers from their new year group. In addition to the team of teachers delivering lessons and activities, our incoming Year 7 students were supported by members of the SEN Department and by a group of excellent Year 12 Summer School helpers, who delivered lessons and provided lunchtime activities to further facilitate the forming of new friendships between members of the new cohort. Beyond this team, our site, office and catering teams also contributed to the week's success. The catering team provided hot and cold food to all attending, free of charge, throughout the week. The entire week was organised by Mrs Ellis, Assistant Headteacher and directly overseen by Mr Gilmore, Deputy Headteacher.

Total Summer School spending was £55,940.71 with the breakdown detailed below:

Salaries	£29,620.67
Support Costs	£1,182.72
Catering Costs	£13,809.35
Resources	£5,800.00
Cleaning	£1,000.00
External Visitors	£1,194.00
Utilities	£3,333.97