

## **The Thomas Alleyne Academy - Summer School**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

### **Summary**

In August 2021 The Thomas Alleyne Academy ran a summer school over 6 days to support a cohort of students who were moving from primary to secondary school. We identified a group of 60 students who we believed would most benefit from this provision. These students were identified through information received from primary schools, including reading age scores, SEN and each child's identified emotional wellbeing needs.

Parents were contacted in June and asked to sign up for summer school, and asked to commit to their child being able to attend each day. Places that were rejected, were filled by students on the waiting list.

The first 5 days of summer school were for a smaller targeted group of students and they had a mixture of academic, enrichment and wellbeing lessons. As well as English and maths, students were provided with the opportunity to complete a range of science practical lessons each day and had lessons in music, art, humanities and design technology.

Students were provided with breakfast, a break time snack, and lunch each day, and on one occasion, had a cooking class so they could prepare their own lunch. Students engaged in a sports tournament between the small class groups they had been placed in for the week.

At the end of the week, we took students to the STEM Discovery Centre, where they had a presentation on the Mars Exo Rover and took part in two workshops, one of which was focussed on teamwork and engineering, the other looked at chemical reactions. Students made a tote bag to take home.

On the final day of our provision, we employed an external company to come in and run a Team Building Day. In order to ensure that every child had the opportunity to visit the school prior to them starting in September; all of the students who were due to join us in year 7 were invited. Students were grouped in to their form groups, and then split into smaller teams. This allowed students to get to know each other, and feel more confident prior to their first day at their new school. Throughout, students were able to meet a number of teachers, including form tutors and senior staff. 164 out of 180 year 7 students attended the Team Building day.

### **Spending**

Staffing - £9,606.32

Hospitality and catering - £1,261.50

Team Building £1,300.00

Trip to STEM Centre - £390.00

Printing/ Resources - £100.00

Utilities - £500.00