

Ridgeway Academy Summer School



Department for Education (DfE) research estimates that in the first half-term of autumn 2020, pupils in:

- year 3 to 9 were on average around 1.6 to 2 months behind on their reading
- year 3 to 7 were around 3.2 months behind on their maths

Schools with high numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals were on average further behind those in schools with low free school meals eligibility

Summer school provision with an academic focus has the potential to support attending pupils to make up for some of their missed education. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) finds that, on average, pupils attending a summer school can make:

- 2 months' additional progress (compared with pupils who do not attend)
- up to 4 months' additional progress if the summer school offers small group tuition led by highly-trained and experienced teaching staff

Ridgeway Academy hosted a 2 week summer school programme over July and August 2021. We invited all incoming Year 7 students, and had an attendance of 141 pupils over this period (out of a maximum of 180). The purpose of the Summer School was to deliver a short programme with a blend of academic education and enrichment activities, where students were able to get to know the school and some of the teaching and support staff, make new friends and socialise as well as helping support them with the transition to secondary school after what has been a difficult time for everybody.

Academic Year	No. of Students	Claimed Funds
2020-21	749	£44090.44

Staffing – Total £32641.81

Description	Anticipated Impact	Cost
Sufficient staffing to allow for meeting all the students' needs in attendance, Staffing consisted of subject specific teachers; teaching support staff; first aid trained staff.	The ratio of staffing was calculated to allow for additional support within the classrooms to ensure students were able to be supported where needed, and all students were able to gain the most from the lessons taught. Class groups were smaller than normal school classes and all had additional teaching and teaching assistants in place to ensure students benefit from the advantages highlighted by the EEF in their research.	£32641.81

Resources – Total £1918.51

Description	Anticipated Impact	Estimated Cost
Resources purchased specifically for the use of the Summer School team.	Ability to provide relevant resources to ensure lessons were productive and meaningful. During enrichment they created art work or performed a show - resources were required to facilitate this provision. Students attending were issued with 'RWA' t-shirts colour coded to their classes. Each week of summer school ended with a treat for the students' hard work (ice-cream van).	£1918.51

Other Costs - £6098.82

Description	Anticipated Impact	Estimated Cost
This refers to the costs to run the summer school, including energy costs and catering for the students.	Allow the school to provide a safe and clean environment for the summer school to take place. All students were provided with a hot meal on a daily basis.	£6098.82