



# PLATANOS COLLEGE

An outstanding school for  
pupils of all abilities

## YEAR 6 SUMMER SCHOOL IMPACT REPORT 2021

During August 2021 Platanos College held a Summer School to support pupils who were due to transition from Year 6 to Year 7 in September 2021. All Year 6 pupils allocated a space at Platanos College in September 2021 were invited to join Summer School, with a total of 160 places on offer. We ran a 10-day Summer School, to enable as many pupils to attend as possible, for as long as possible. Our Summer School started on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and ended on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. In Total 118 pupils attended.

### **AIMS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL**

1. The Platanos College Summer School programme primarily aimed to help pupils prepare for their transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

This was achieved by:

- Gaining knowledge of the school site and the confidence to move around the school site independently.
  - Working in the year 7 area and using the facilities across the school site.
  - Developing an understanding of the school vision and values. For example, how to be engaged in learning, to be kind and respectful and our assembly protocol.
  - Developing a clear understanding of the procedures and expectations within the school canteen by providing a lunch service each day and using school routines during social time.
2. To provide opportunities for students to increase their social interaction, through group tasks and physical education activities.

This was achieved by:

- Using current Platanos College staff to lead and supervise the Summer School programme so that pupils increased their familiarity with a range of Platanos College staff.
- The Pastoral lead for year 7 was available to monitor and observe pupils in order to identify any future needs of the cohort.

- The Pastoral lead for year 7 was able to supervise lunch times with a team of Platanos College staff to facilitate group activities and this enabled all pupils to socialise together.
- Completing assessment activities focusing on attitudes to school and portfolio for life-based activities.
- Including a range of activities which involve sports, creativity and group interaction.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

Each pupil was taught the following core subjects: English, Maths and Science daily. These lessons were followed by a lunchtime filled with outdoor activities and finally a double lesson of PE after lunch.

### **ENGLISH**

Pupils focused on the following areas of the curriculum:

- Describing protagonists and antagonists
- Designing an effective setting
- Using dialogue correctly
- Planning tense action scenes
- Crafting an ending with strong moral message



## **MATHS**

The following maths topics were covered during the two weeks of summer school:

- Number and place value
- Negative numbers
- Factors and multiples
- Multiplication and division
- Equivalent fractions
- Area and perimeter
- Four quadrants



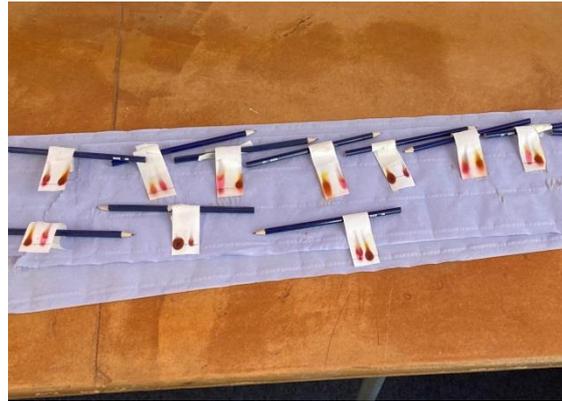
## **SCIENCE**

Science lessons were also planned to expose the pupils to the breadth of potential careers that require an appreciation and expertise in science.

Throughout the two-week summer school, the focus was on two key scientific concepts:

- Separating techniques used in forensic science
- Chemical reactions

To conclude the pupils understanding of the scientific method, a hands-on practical activity was completed outside. The pupils were very inquisitive when explore the chemical reactions using toothpaste.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Throughout the two-week summer school, the focus was on providing a range of activities for pupils to explore. The Physical Education department delivered daily lessons in the following activities:

- Football
- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Handball
- Swedish Longball

Through the variety of sporting activities, pupils have been able to get to know each other better whilst working in a team; this has also helped to foster a healthy competitive nature amongst the groups.





## PUPIL VOICE

The pupils have spoken glowingly about their first experiences of Platanos College and have expressed their enthusiasm and excitement about starting Platanos College.

The pupils have displayed an outstanding attitude to their learning across all subjects. They have displayed impeccable manners and respect to both members of staff and their fellow peers.

It was wonderful to see the pupils taking the opportunity to form new friendships and to get to know new members of staff in preparation for September 2021.

Our new Year 7 pupils were asked what they have enjoyed the most and what they are looking forward to in September 2021. Here is what they have to say:

*"I have really enjoyed summer school; my favourite lessons have been Science and PE. Secondary school lunches are amazing. I am looking forward to starting school properly in September".*

*"I have liked coming to summer school because the teachers are good, kind and help pupils to understand the work. The lessons have been fun and I have learnt a lot, I particularly enjoyed the Science and PE lessons. I am excited about starting school in September".*

*"I was nervous on the first day but I have got use to the school now, this was helped by learning the routines. I have enjoyed my English lessons most over the two weeks and really liked learning about antagonists and protagonists".*

*"One of the highlights of summer school for me was taking part in science experiments, this is a new experience compared to my science lessons at primary school. I am looking forward to September to continue learning new things and taking part in PE".*

*"I am enjoying summer school, English has been my favourite subject as I like to tell my own stories. I am excited about starting in September when I will be able to meet new teachers and learning new things".*

*“I have enjoyed summer school because the lessons have been fun and I have been able to play with my friends. The teachers have been really helpful and given me lots of support. I am looking forward to starting school in September and trying out for the school football team”.*

*“I have liked attending summer school; everyday has been different and given me the chance to learn new things. I have particularly liked the PE lessons in the afternoon”.*

*“Summer school has been great as I was able to learn hard topics in Maths and develop my learning further in English. I have enjoyed the PE lessons in the afternoon as it has given me the opportunity to socialise with other pupils. I have liked getting to know the school and I am excited about starting in September”.*

*“My favourite lessons during summer school have been Maths, Science and PE. I was nervous on the first day but I have settled in by getting to know the teachers and other pupils. I feel more confident about joining the school in September”.*

We ended the summer school with a Platanos College achievement assembly that praised the pupils for their hard work using our CHABOP system: Classwork, Homework, Attendance, Behaviour, Organisation and Punctuality.

The summer school newsletter can be found using the below link:

<http://www.platanoscollege.com/e-newsletter>

## **ATTENDANCE**

The numbers of pupils invited to attend Summer School are below:

	Total number of pupils invited to attend	Total number of pupils not eligible for Pupil Premium invited to attend	Total number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium invited to attend
<b>Year 7 Only</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>73</b>

The numbers of pupils who attended Summer School are below:

	Total number of pupils who attended	Total number of pupils attended not eligible for Pupil Premium	Total number of pupils attended eligible for Pupil Premium
<b>Year 7 Only</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>48</b>

If a child did not attend, Platanos College staff contacted the pupil's primary contact to establish any reasons for non-attendance.

The normal school policy for non-attendance was employed.

Reasons for non-attendance included:

- Confirmed cases of COVID-19
- Pupils identified as a close contact
- Pupil illness
- Late notice family holidays

### **SUMMER SCHOOL FINANCE**

Platanos College was eligible for additional funding to cover the costs for running a Summer School programme. Platanos College did not receive additional sources of funding to supplement the cost of running the Summer School. This includes the total cost of staffing, resources, additional facilities costs and lunch for all pupils. Platanos College covered the full cost of school lunches for all pupils.

The Total cost claimed for the Platanos College Summer School programme was **£90,863.00**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Staff costs	£62,504
Lunches	£5,900
Resources	£9,597
Additional facilities costs	£12,862
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£90,863.00</b>