

Preston Manor Summer School 2021

During the week of 23 August through 27 August 2021, Preston Manor delivered a summer school programme to a number of our Year 7 Cohort. This was an opportunity for students, already coming to Preston Manor, to participate in a week of activities that would provide support with transition to Secondary school, bolster the expectations of the Preston Manor English and Maths Curriculum, engage them in physical activity after Covid lockdowns and help to build their soft skills for success at secondary school.

The focus of summer school was 'About Me'. It was a chance for the students to create their autobiography in any format that they could think of. There were presentations, plays, role plays, small skits, art, videos and performances and countless other mediums that the students chose to showcase at their assembly. These autobiographies were shared with the form tutors and other staff so that they would have an insight into who the young people were.

Throughout the week, the students had an action packed schedule that allowed them to help meet new friends, engage with new staff and become familiar with the Preston Manor site. Each day consisted of assembly, English, Maths, PE, Soft Skills lessons provided by the Prince's Trust and activity time to create the students Autobiographical Celebratory Assembly.

All the students engage with every session. They enjoyed the English and the Maths as it prepared them for what was to be expected at secondary school. While in PE, all the students loved getting out and engaging in sport. This is a great sign for the upcoming year as we try to put Covid further behind us and re-engage young people in activity. Furthermore, students were excited to engage in the Prince's Trust Soft Skills sessions as well. These were different to academic work and allowed students to build their Teamwork, Interpersonal and Presentation skills. These sessions were also supported by the Year 11 Prefects, allowing the Preston Manor community to further build positive relationships between age groups.

[Summer School Timetable](#)

The week of events was a huge success, not only for staff and students, but also for parents. Parents were encouraged to engage with the Summer School Programme and attend an assembly on the final day. This assembly was planned and performed by the students themselves, helping them to build their confidence, exhibit different learning styles and allowing them to celebrate with their families and the wider community the successes that they had all week.

As mentioned before, Preston Manor Summer School was a huge success. The programme was offered out to the incoming year group and was taken up by 120 students in the end. The uptake allowed us to interact and early transition almost half of the Year 7 group for 2021.

The Department of Education supported the summer school with a contribution of £29,271.80. This funding did not only go towards staffing, but was also able Preston Manor

to provide each student that attended; their school stationery supplies including a maths set, a scientific calculator, a dictionary, a reading book, a Preston Manor water bottle and PE kit bag.

This was an opportunity that Preston Manor was happy to take advantage of and implement. Through the first half term, it is apparent how impactful it has been and how beneficial it has been to the Year 7 students.

Allocation of Funding for Summer School

Breakdown of how the funding was spent		
Staffing	£18,947.26	Teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Admin, Welfare, Co-Ordinators, Cleaners & Catering Staff
Food	£2,400.00	Hot and cold lunches and refreshments
Photocopying	£543.00	
Equipment/Miscellaneous	£5,689.04	Medals & trophies, PE Equipment, Bags, Pencil cases, Dictionaries, Calculators and maths sets, Reading books and misc. stationery
Utilities	£200.00	Heating, lighting and cleaning materials
Grant received	£27,779.30	