

Summer School 2021

Sutton Grammar School ran a Summer School for the Year 6 students who started in September 2021. The programme ran from Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August and was designed following the Summer School Guidance published by the Department for Education.

All 135 incoming Year 7 students were invited and 118 of them attended on one or more days.

The week-long programme included a range of sporting and academic activities, making new friends, meeting some of the staff and experiencing the school for the first time. Some of the boys were even lucky enough to meet and chat to the players of the Sutton United football team, who train at our sports fields.

The complete range of activities offered were:

- Football
- Map/Orienteering
- Basketball
- Maths fun
- Indoor Athletics
- Creative Writing
- Cricket
- Art
- Racquet Sports
- Computer Science

We also received some fantastic feedback from parents and from the boys who attended. Here is a lovely review of the week from Harry.

Summer School. Where to begin? My first true taste of being a student at not only a secondary school, but one of the best there is. From professional football players to discovering new favourite sports, and not forgetting eating delicious cookies, the action-packed week was the perfect introduction to what I know will certainly be an incredibly fantastic time at Sutton Grammar School.

One of the most frightening things about starting a new school is the people. Are the teachers going to be nice? Am I going to make any friends? Well the first five minutes of Monday morning quashed any fears. The staff present on the first day, and every day for that matter, were extremely kind, compassionate, and helpful. Understanding, as well, for they knew secondary school can be a daunting thing and there was not a moment they didn't want to lend a hand knowing where to go, what to do, and how to do it. And my fellow Year 7s were also amazing. Most students at this school, as I have later seen, were confident and enthusiastic about their fresh start, despite concerns that were soon brushed aside.

Every day, as well as sport, we had a terrifically fun session of either walking around in circles in Orienteering, scratching our heads in Maths, laughing about book promotion speeches in Creative Writing, marvelling at the many monitors in Computing and imagining crazy stories for our comics in Art. We were also lucky enough to meet the first team squad of the EFL League Two side of Sutton United. As they hire our sports grounds at Northey to train on, they were most kind to come and say hello to us Year 7s, and do a question and answer session.

So, in conclusion, was the induction week something I'd recommend? Totally. One of the best weeks of my life.



Some of the Sutton United football team taking a question and answer session from the boys at our Summer School.

Funding received from the Department for Education

In accordance with the conditions of funding from the DfE, below are the details of the amount of Summer School funding we received and a breakdown of how it was spent.

Premises and site costs	£3,200.00
Staff costs	£28,806.28
Resource costs	£6,285.81
Total funding received	£38,292.09