

Reigate School

Summer School 2021



Reigate School has run a summer school for the past 8 years. It is usually offered free for incoming children to year 7 who are entitled to pupil premium funding (PP) and a charge is made to children who attend but who are not eligible for PP. The summer school takes place over a week with the emphasis on team building and confidence ensuring that those who attend feel happy, confident and secure when they start at Reigate School.

In addition, transition arrangements at school involve children spending a day at Reigate School at the end of the summer term with a parents' information evening following on from this.

This year, as a result of COVID the school needed to adapt and with Government funding the following programme was adopted.

All 250 children from the incoming year 7 were offered a two day place at summer school over a two week period 9th August to 20th August 2021.

Children were invited to come in with their form groups and partner form groups to get to know each other. Flexible arrangements were made for children where this was not possible.

Form tutors were invited to meet and spend time with their tutor groups.

On both days, breakfast and lunch were provided free of charge.

Day 1: In school activities

Activity 1 – This involved children being split into groups and travelling around the school solving challenges involving specific subjects. Reigate School values were embedded throughout the process. For example, children were taken to the canteen area and when the process for mealtimes had been explained, a jigsaw puzzle incorporating the word '*friendship*' had to be put together. Similarly, the Drama groups were asked to 'freeze frame' the word 'Respect'.

Activity 2 – Involved a session from Sparkfish regarding transition and was specifically focussed on any anxieties about transition and also friendships. Think spaces were set up and children were allowed time and space to reflect on these issues.

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Break and Lunchtimes – Activities provided included outdoor games and table tennis but also time to talk.

Other Activities at School – These varied, but included Science, English, Art, Indoor Games, Drama (very popular), Music, cupcake decoration (another favourite). Engagement and behaviour in all activities was excellent.

At the end of the day children received a presentation with rewards for best team and also individual rewards for contributions throughout the day including the much coveted '*Captain of the Day*' awarded to someone exhibiting excellent leadership and embracing the Reigate School values.

Day 2 – School Trip

An experience of a first school trip. Children were transported to Arena Pursuits in Frimley for an action packed day which included raft building, a ski stick challenge, paint balling, assault course and orienteering. Again, engagement was excellent and the children really enjoyed the opportunity to be outside and in many cases getting very wet! The emphasis on the day was engagement and team work.

STAFFING

The staff team included:

School Business Manager

Music Teacher

English and Drama Teacher

Primary Teacher from one of the largest feeder schools

Individual subject teachers of Art & Science

Form Tutors

Teachers and support staff

One ex-student and Head Girl

Existing student

PARTICIPATION

211 children attended which was overwhelming considering the relative short notice provided.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

The school claimed £25,193.40 based on number of attendees.

Expenditure

Travel	£320.23
School Activities	£1125.25
Food & Welfare	£619.23
Books for Students	£1180.40
External Staff Support	£2160.00
External Bought in Services	£5650.00
Staffing Costs	£14166.10
Total Costs	£25361.47

The small shortfall was funded by the school.