



NHGS Summer School 2021

The NHGS Summer School gave us the opportunity to offer face-to-face support for incoming Year 7 students before they officially started at NHGS in September 2021.

The aim of our Summer School was to make the transition easier and less daunting for new students, especially given the disruption to our traditional transition programme caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We offered a blend of academic education and enrichment activities, all of which were free to students. The Summer School encouraged students to get to know each other and make new friends - this is particularly important given that NHGS has over 80 feeder schools and it is not uncommon for students to be the only one from their primary school. It was also an opportunity for incoming students to get to know the school buildings in advance of their first official day in Year 7.

The NHGS Summer School hosted over 140 Year 6 students over 5 days (dates from - to).

The sessions also gave new students the opportunity to meet the Head of Lower School and Year 7 Year Group Leader, Miss Lauren Brooke. Content was delivered by specialist teachers and NHGS Sixth Form students, assigned to each group, offered additional support

Students experienced a wide range of activities including:

- First aid
- Laser tag
- Mathematics
- Performing Arts
- Poetry
- Sign language
- Team building "Drop the Egg"

A Celebration Assembly was hosted on the last day with prizes for *Best Efforts*, *Best Manners* and *Most Helpful* for each group. All students received a certificate of attendance.

The school is expecting to receive funding of £30,594 of which £25.5k was spent on staffing, £2k on food and £3k on the costs of third party providers, for example the Performing Arts Company.