

KNBS Summer School 2022

Summer School Overview

Aim of Main Programme

Our summer school offered a range of enrichment activities to Year 6 students with the aim of helping them to make new friends, acclimatise to the school setting and get to know some key staff, all to help them to settle swiftly in Year 7.

The range of activities included:

Outdoor Education – to help students to get to know their peers, school staff and the school setting (archery/teambuilding)

Academic Activities – to support students in the transition to secondary school by introducing them to some of the new subjects and activities that they will experience (Microbit/robotics/cookery)

Enrichment Activities – these support students getting to know their peers, building friendships and being part of a team (PE/origami).

Literacy Programme

In addition to our main summer school offer, we invited some students in Years 7-9 into school for a three-day literacy booster programme, the aim of which was to foster a love of reading and to encourage them to re-engage with the activity, helping with the transition back into school.

The range of activities included:

Reading aloud and drama-based activities – to engage students with the process of reading aloud through a shared experience, encouraging the reading process. Students received a copy of *Teacher's Dead* by Benjamin Zephaniah at the end of this session.

Decoding and other reading strategies – to support students in accessing a range of texts and reminding them of the ways in which they can understand unfamiliar texts. Students received a copy of the one of the *Cherub* book series by Robert Muchamore at the end of this session.

Students were taken via train to Birmingham to visit the new library, to Waterstone's bookstore to purchase their own books and then to lunch, helping to create positive associations with activities around reading.