



# King's Norton Boys' School

## Summer School Report 2022

### Who was the Summer School offered to?

#### Year 6 Offer

All Year 6 students who had accepted a place at KNBS for September 2022 were offered a place at our Summer School 2021. Initial responses indicated that only 89 students were planning to attend, although the final number was 105, as we had a number of last-minute requests.

#### Literacy Offer

We also invited 22 students in Years 7-9 who have low literacy levels to our Literacy Summer School, as we felt they would benefit from a bespoke range of activities aimed at promoting a love of reading. The levels of engagement with this programme from the group of students was low, and only three students from this group agreed to attend. We therefore invited a number of students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) that we felt would benefit from the social and literacy aspects of the Literacy Summer School, some students for whom KNBS is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, as well as some vulnerable students, again from Years 7-9. The final number of students in attendance was twelve.

### When did it take place?

#### Year 6 Offer

The Summer School was held from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Each student was offered a choice of the two full days they wished to attend.

#### Literacy Offer

This took place from Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### What food and drink was offered to students?

#### Year 6 Offer

All students were offered food free of charge. Any dietary requirements were ascertained ahead of time to ensure that these were catered for. The menu was of a 'take-away' style, and included

a drink (juice or water), yoghurt and fruit, as well as a daily 'special' main course. Students were encouraged to bring healthy snacks for break time across the week.

#### Literacy Offer

As the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions took place from 9-12.30, students were provided with a range of croissant-style items and juice mid-morning. On Thursday, students were taken to Pizza Express where they ordered their own pizza, drink and dessert.

#### What was the rationale for the activities that were included in the Summer School?

##### Year 6 Offer

Our Summer School included enrichment, academic, teamwork and ice-breaker activities. Each day, students would engage with a variety. The rationale for this was based upon the following:

- To prepare students for some of the routines that they should expect, including using the canteen
- To assist students in orientating themselves with the school site
- To encourage the development of social skills and the making of new friends
- To introduce students to our Outdoor Education programme
- To introduce students to some of the new subjects that they would study
- To introduce students to some of the key staff

##### Literacy Offer

- To foster a life-long love of reading
- To model effective reading aloud
- To develop students' ability to decode texts
- To introduce students to Birmingham Library
- To provide students with age-appropriate reading texts
- To develop social skills associated with reading

#### Who delivered the Summer School?

In addition to teaching staff who prepared and delivered their own sessions, in attendance across both summer school offers were also:

- A member of the Senior Leadership Team
- A Designated Safeguarding Lead
- A First Aider
- Canteen staff
- Cleaning staff
- Site team

#### Additional Drama Summer School Offer

In addition to the main Summer School Offer, we also offered a drama course, in conjunction with Birmingham Hippodrome, in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> July. Eighteen students attended. This provided an opportunity for students to engage with professional actors, to learn more about the theatre industry and to develop social skills and independence. The theme was *Birmingham and the Commonwealth Games*.