

St Oscar Romero Catholic School - Summer School 2021

The plans for our Summer School were both bold and ambitious, where we were aiming to support both our current students, as well as our incoming Year 7s, who were not able to benefit from the 3 days transition experience students at Romero's usually get, as a result of the pandemic. We implemented a range of exciting, diverse and dynamic activities for our students including:

- Some traditional classroom lessons which were particularly useful in supporting our new Year 7s preparation for life at Romero's.
- Practical subject experience such as PE, Art, Music and Drama.
- Inclusive sporting opportunities through our Saints Netball Academy and Romero' Dance Company sessions.
- Outward bound experiences and trips to Highdown and the beach as part of our John Muir Programme.
- Conservation experiences with our Fingerprints Ambassadors programme.
- Opportunities for our students to develop their skills of leadership by supporting younger students as Romero's Ambassadors.
- Opportunities for students to gain valuable carpentry and construction experience when supporting the development of our new amphitheatre.

Attendance to all days and sessions was outstanding with an average of over 200 students per day on the dates of the main Summer School.

Feedback from parents/carers and students was extremely positive. Some examples are below:

"What a brilliant week my son has had. He was so nervous about joining a big school, but he's made lots of new friends, met his Head of Year and his tutor and now can't wait for September. Thank you so much Oscar Romero's". (Parent of incoming Year 7)

"I've had such a great experience this week. I could only attend for 4 days, but I've learned loads about carpentry by helping with the amphitheatre and developed my leadership skills and confidence when supporting the Year 6's settle in". (Will, Year 10 Ambassador)

"I loved it, loved it, loved it. I met lots of lovely teachers and they are not scary at all. My tutor Mr Ozeren is really nice and always smiling and I have made lots of friends already". (Daisy, new Year 7 student)

A breakdown of how the Summer School money was spent and allocated is below.

Expenses	Total
Staff claims/payment	£35,239.46
Teaching resources	£27,359.12
Catering costs	£2521.75
Cleaning costs	£449.06
Total	£65,569.39
Income	Total
Parent contributions	£1026.20
Balance	£64,543.19