

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School – Summer School 2021

The Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School Summer School took place in the first week of the summer holidays, between Monday 26th July and Friday 30th July 2021.

All pupils who had accepted a place for September 2021 in Year 7 were invited to attend. 70% of pupils accepted this offer, with 98 pupils attending for at least one day throughout the week. Parents/Carers were given the opportunity to “opt-in” for days throughout the week and there was no expectation that children would attend for the duration of the summer school.

The format of the summer school was for each pupil to attend 6 lessons per day, lasting 45 minutes each. There was a wide curriculum offer, with a variety of both academic and creative subjects. We were also able to offer horticulture to the pupils for one afternoon throughout the week. This was to provide a transition from primary to secondary school, knowing that some of our feeder schools offer forest school to their pupils.

Summer School Aims:

- Provide pupils with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new school
- Boost academic progress in September by pre-tutoring on topics that will be studied during the autumn term.
- Pupils to engage with children from other primary schools who will be starting Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School in September and build friendships.
- Support pupil physical and mental well-being.

Curriculum offer included:

- English – Introduction to science fiction and discovery of a spaceship
- Mathematics – Murder mystery, task master, aeroplane investigation and optical illusions
- Science - Bunsen burners, chromatography and ecology
- Humanities
 - History/Geography covered planning a world trip and sweat shops
 - RE covered moral compass; influences; decision making and faith
- MFL - continental cuisine; Tour de Europe and Eurovision
- PE – DEC quidditch; Cross the River; Live Ball; ‘invade the castle’
- Horticulture – creating a war time garden

We also invited an external drama company to work with our pupils to offer drama-based activities exploring pupil well-being and anti-bullying. This was to support the self-esteem of our pupils who may have been anxious or wary of starting secondary school during the pandemic.

Our Summer School ended with Sports Day taking place on Friday 30th July on school site for all attendees and staff.

Funding

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School received a total of **£6454.74** in funding from the Department for Education to support with our Summer School. A breakdown of how it was spent is given below:

Staffing:	Teaching staff	£4750.00
	Catering staff	£ 304.69
Drama Company		£ 600.00
Catering		£ 721.92
Resources & Admin		£ 78.13
TOTAL:		£6454.74

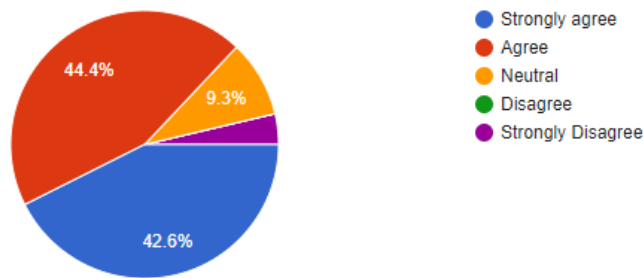
Summer School Overall Attendance:

Monday 26th July 2021	87 % (85/98)
Tuesday 27th July 2021	83 % (81/98)
Wednesday 28th July 2021	84% (82/98)
Thursday 29th July 2021	77% (75/98)
Friday 30th July 2021	78% (76/98)
Overall	82 %

Pupil Evaluation: (54 responses)

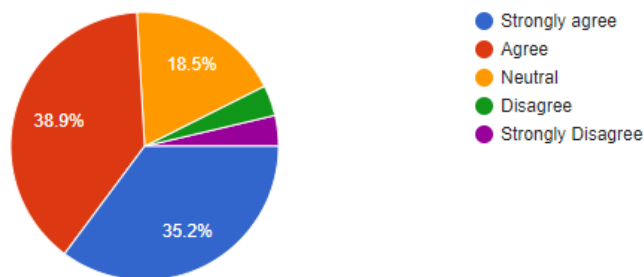
1. I enjoy summer school

54 responses



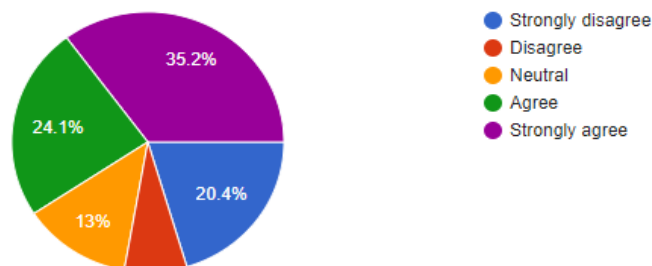
2. Summer School helped me to be more successful in lessons during my first term of Year 7

54 responses



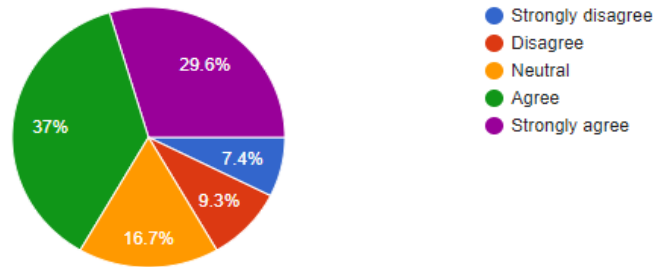
3. I made friends with people I had never met before due to attending Summer School

54 responses



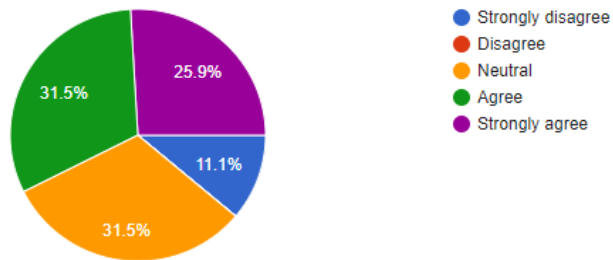
4. I felt more confident about starting Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School in September due to attending Summer School

54 responses



5. The Summer School sporting activities meant I was more active than if I had not attended

54 responses



As part of the feedback, pupils were asked for general comments and their thoughts on how we could improve the summer school for next year. Some of their responses are given below:

- It was fun
- I loved it
- It was great
- I enjoyed it but it was a bit short in my opinion
- It was good
- It was amazing

As a result of the feedback, we will consider the following ideas to expand the programme next year:

- Tour of school site on day 1
- Issue pupils with a timetable of the week's lessons
- Celebration day on final day to boost attendance
- Investigate off-site visits as part of the programme