



# St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls

## 2021 Summer School Programme Report

This year saw us host our busiest ever Summer School programme for incoming Year 7 students. The five-day programme aimed to boost students' confidence and creativity and give our new students self-belief and the best possible start to their career at St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls.

The Summer School took place from 26th to 30th July 2021 and throughout the course of the week, we delivered a fun-filled timetable of workshops and activities, which culminated in a performance in the school hall of Shakespeare's play, Macbeth with a modern and student led twist.

### Our Summer School programme aims:

- Improve student progress in general skills, confidence and aspirations
- Encourage students to work as a team
- Engage both students and parents/carers and ensure they understand the importance of full attendance and participation in school
- Enhance the challenging transition into secondary school for new Year 7 students

Educational research shows that all children lose some of the learning and confidence they achieved during the school year during the summer holidays. The goal of our Summer School programme was to transform the future of students joining St. Anne's this September by offering them the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment activities.

The programme was designed to develop student's skills and confidence, enabling students to work with and get to know staff and their new peers to support the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 and alleviate some of the worries our students may have had over the summer holiday. Our new students experienced a mix of engaging, interactive small group workshops, team challenges and motivational coaching from experienced professionals.

Students due to enter Year 7 in September were invited to register their interest in the Summer School in June, with the original allocation of 50 places being increased due to the level of student interest. We had fantastic attendance over the course of the week with our students, keen to explore the school and settle in before the official start to term. Parents and students have expressed how beneficial the Summer School was in the transition process and one student stated, ***"It made me feel more confident with the expectations in St. Anne's and made me get used to making new friends."***

Below provides a high-level breakdown of how the Summer School funding was utilised.

### Breakdown of expenditure

Area	£'000
Staffing	10,800
Activities	40,800
Catering	2,300
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>53,900</b>

Funding received                      53,700

**Report by:** Dionne Lawrence. October 2021