

The main Summer School ran for two weeks (16th August to 27th August). New-starter Year 7 pupils were invited to attend either of the two weeks with the activities and learning being mirrored in both weeks.

The theme of the Summer School was 'community'. As we welcomed our new cohort of students to their new school community, we wanted pupils to explore what it means to be part of the school community and the wider community, as well as to how they can be active members of these communities. This theme was explored through morning academic sessions (across a range of subjects with literacy and numeracy as a priority) and workshops/visits and team building activities in the afternoon. The Summer School aimed to consolidate and build on the community links we already have as a school.

The aims of the Summer School were:

- Pupils to have a good understanding of the different communities they live in: the school community, the local community, the Halifax community and further afield
- Pupils understand the role they play as individuals in their community
- To instil a sense of pride of their community
- Pupils know what steps they can take to participate in and improve their community

The timetable for the week is given below:

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 9-9:45 | <i>Introduction to the summer school – exploring the theme of community</i> Great Hall | <i>Getting to know your local school through numeracy – exploring the school site</i> M113 and M112 | <i>The exploration of community through text (2/2)</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Writing as a means of expression</i> M113 and M112 | <i>How can you make use of your community and make it a better place for everyone?</i> M113 and M112 |
| 9:45-10:30 | <i>The multi-faceted nature of community</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Getting to know your local school through numeracy - calculations</i> M113 and M112 | <i>The History of our communities</i> M113 and M112 | <i>What have people done to better their communities?</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Writing about community</i> Great Hall |
| 10:30-11:15 | Break and games Backfield/Great Hall | Break and games Backfield/Great Hall | Break and games Backfield/Great Hall | Break and games Backfield/Great Hall | Break and games Backfield/Great Hall |
| 11:15-12:00 | <i>The exploration of community through text (1/2)</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Ecosystems – what is a community in Science?</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Getting to know your local community through numeracy</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Getting to know your wider community through numeracy</i> M113 and M112 | <i>Community through oracy – and conclusions</i> Great Hall |
| 12:00-12:30 | Lunch Backfield/Great Hall | Lunch Backfield/Great Hall | Lunch Backfield/Great Hall | Lunch Backfield/Great Hall | Rotation – Zorbing, the great cook out and sports labs Front field / Great Hall / Backfield / JB Kitchen |
| 12:30-3:15 | Group A – Art M104 Group B – Making bug hotels and bird boxes. Visit to Spring Hall Lane Medical Practice. M102 and outside | Group A – Making bug hotels and bird boxes. Visit to Spring Hall Lane Medical Practice. M102 and outside Group B – Art M104 | Both groups – Outback Centre and Community Fridge - Gardening - Cooking - Bee keeping - Games in the concrete area | Both groups – Hike | Last 15 minutes: Goodbyes and prizes Great Hall |

33 pupils attended in the first week, and 43 different pupils attended in the second week. The pupils had a great time with a number of pupils choosing the hike as their favourite activity as they had not appreciated what great countryside was at their doorstep! Other pupils placed the outdoor activities at the Outback Centre, Spring Hall Lane and within the school grounds as their favourite because they felt they had made a real difference with the community work they had carried out. Art with the work on painting the skateboard decks for a community display was chosen by a number of our creative pupils whilst others expressed great enthusiasm for the poems they had written about their new found understanding of the term 'community'.

Summer school costs:

Staffing - £12 030

Materials and equipment - £2 981

Catering - £913

Total cost = £16 184