

MCA Year 6 Summer School Report

During the penultimate week of the Summer Holidays, we welcomed over 100 Year 6 students into the academy to take part in a range of activities. The week was planned and supported by class teachers and teaching assistants to offer students a flavour of life at Mildenhall College Academy. Numeracy and Literacy activities were delivered each day, with the focus of ensuring students arrived in September prepared with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their core subjects. Students also experienced Drama, History, Science, Computer Science, Food Technology and Physical Education, as well as a range of team-building activities, army skills and football coaching, with the aim to develop confidence and familiarity with the academy building and staff in lieu of transition days.

The week concluded with students participating in a performance of the Three Little Pigs and an awards presentation to acknowledge and reward those who displayed the MCA TRAITS throughout the week. The response from staff and parents/carers has been extremely positive, with one particular parent commenting they *'have seen first-hand how helpful this week has been'* and praising the staff for *'creating a fantastic week which really helped with that transition from Primary to Senior School.'*

Students really appreciated the opportunity to explore the building and make new friends. Here are some of their comments:

"I knew where everything was so I had a head start on my first day. Cooking was fun and I ate my pizza." Dexter Bone

"I met new people and befriended them." Dino Christopoulos

"I made new friends and it was fun. It made me know the school more, so I wasn't lost walking around" George Catton

Overall the summer school, which was attended by 50% of the new Year 7 intake, allowed staff to evaluate first-hand the level of literacy, numeracy and core skills as well the social and emotional skills required for secondary school. As a result of the summer school and in conjunction with transition information we were able to review and adapt the curriculum in readiness for the start of Year 7 2021.

A huge thank you to the staff who supported the summer school and to Mr Hughes (Faculty leader Maths) and Ms Percy (Faculty Leader English) who organised the entire week.

The summer school funding was £30,327.60 with £9,213.40 spent on resources and staffing and £21,114.20 on facilities and cleaning. Over 100 students attended throughout the week with a total of 508 days.