

Cambourne Village College Summer School 2023

From the 21st-24th August, we held the 2023 Summer School. Upcoming Year 7 students in the local area who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals were invited for 34 days of lessons and activities to ease the transition from Primary to Secondary education. We hope that having spent a few days at the school and having met some key members of staff, students will be able to hit the ground running when they join CamVC in September.

45 students were invited to attend and 23 attended. Particular thanks goes to Sarah Ecclestone (Pupil Premium Assistant) for contacting parents/carers and encouraging attendance.

This year we offered a range of sessions (please see full timetable below). CamVC staff offered most sessions with the aim of consolidating key learning in certain subjects as well as familiarizing the students with the way in which lessons operate at Secondary School. We had external input from the Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge. Stephen Martin and Jacob Butler delivered a very engaging session in which students built free-standing bridges, towers, and cranes. On the Wednesday we took the students by public transport to Cambridge. This was a wonderful day which included a guided punting tour along the Cambridge backs and visit to one of the city's bookshops – each student was gifted a book of their choice. We also held some informal Sport and Team-building sessions to foster friendships before the arrive in September.

Summer School Timetable

	1 9:00-9:50	2 9:50-10:40	Break 10:40-11:00	3 11:00-11:50	4 11:50-12:40	Lunch 12:40-13:20	5 13:20-14:10	6 14:10-15:00
Mon	Welcome, expectations and getting to know each other	Art Watercolours and Pastels		Cooking Pizza making	Cooking Cupcake making		Drama Games and Activities (SS)	Sport Bench Ball
Tue	Science Physics with the Cavendish Lab	Science Physics with the Cavendish Lab		English Expressing and justifying opinions	English Black-out Poetry		General Knowledge Quiz	Sport Table Tennis
Wed Day Trip to Cambridge	Bus to City Centre	Walking Tour		Punting Tour	Lunch and Bookshop Visit		Return to Cambridge	Review of the Day
Thu	History Charterhouse Skeletons	History Great Fire of London		Maths Magic Squares	Maths Team Relay		Team-building Games	Popular Music Quiz

Staffing

Monday 21st: Sam Minnaar, Ed Green, Sarah Ecclestone, Coral Reeves and Simon Smyth

Tuesday 22nd: Ed Green, Sarah Ecclestone, Mel Gavars, Deepti Harkisan, Maria Paschalidi

Wednesday 23rd: Ed Green, Sarah Ecclestone, Coral Reeves, Mel Stanford, Deepti Harkisan

Thursday 24th: Ed Green, Coral Reeves, Mel Stanford, Michelle Allen, Maria Paschalidi

Feedback

The feedback from both the students and the parents at the end of the week was incredibly positive. Parents said they felt they're children were coming home happy and talkative about their experiences each day. They felt it also lowered anxieties about them coming up to the college in September as they now have some familiar faces and knew the building a bit better.

Students were given a questionnaire to complete on the last day of Summer School. Please see below a selection of the responses:

1. Describe your experience of Summer School in 3 words

'fun', 'exciting', 'adventurous', 'cool', 'great', 'interesting', 'tiring!'

2. What was your favourite part of Summer School?

'Pizza cooking', 'Punting', 'Trip to Cambridge', 'going on a bus', 'Maths', 'Drama games', 'English questions', 'the kind teachers'

3. How did you feel about starting at Cambourne before the Summer School?

'A bit nervous', 'confused', 'very, very nervous', 'scared', 'I felt ok just a bit nervous'

4. How do you feel about starting at Cambourne now you've attended the Summer School?

'confident', 'fine', 'more chill and pretty excited', 'calm', 'not too nervous', 'excited', 'good', 'I'm a bit more confident', 'Getting better to know the school and how learning might be'

Costings

Activity	Cost
Punting	£306

Cooking Ingredients	£136.43
Lunch Ingredients	£58.05
Heffers Bookshop	£112.06
Staffing	£2,400
TOTAL	£3,012.54

Thank you to all involved.

Ed Green – Pupil Premium Coordinator

