



ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

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REF: ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY STARTERS WEEK (Summer School) – Impact Statement

Erasmus Darwin Academy facilitated a one week summer school, commencing on Thursday 22nd July until Wednesday 28th July 2021. This was aimed at our Year 7 new students, starting in September 2021.

The primary purpose of the Summer School was, in line with the expectations linked to the funding, to ensure that students received academic support as part of the 'recovery curriculum' in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The additional aims of the Summer School were to:
- **build a community with their fellow pupils**
- **forge relationships with new teachers**
- **familiarise themselves with the Academy environment**

The Summer School events consisted of three 'in school' days, whereby academic support was given and familiarisation with the site were the main focus. In addition to this, two educational visits to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre and Twycross Zoo were arranged.

EDA had high levels of uptake with 95% of those invited accepted and a total of 186 students engaging in the summer school experience. Some students who had accepted the invitation to attend were unable to attend the scheduled week due to a directive from their primary school to self-isolate following a positive case of COVID-19 in the class. The Academy responded by hosting a day whereby those students were able to attend a 'mini summer school' held in late August. Irrecoverable costs are listed below.

Students were asked to complete a survey form regarding the summer school. From the respondents, 100% of students felt that the Summer School was a positive experience and felt more confident in joining the Academy in September. 98% felt that they made new friends and 95% stated that they were now 'less worried' about starting in September. One parental quote that stood out 'The Summer School made such a difference in breezing the student through the transition process and felt it helped with the whole family's well being in knowing that EDA took an individualised approach to transition'.

A summarised version of the financial income and expenditure are listed below:

EXPENDITURE	
Food/drink	£ 2,524.70
Stationery	£ 1,272.55
Book Tokens	£ 1,650.00
Travel/Coach	£ 2,640.00
Entrance visit	£ 5,053.50
SCC Support	£ 311.22
External ZOO Lab/Motivator	£ 824.00
Hoodies	£ 2,828.88
Salaries	£ 33,196.42
First Aid Course	£ 315.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£50616.27

Irrecoverable costs total £346.00.