

Thomas Telford School Summer School

Thursday 22 – Wednesday 28 July 2021 (5 days)

The new Year 7 students experienced a five-day Summer School to support their transition into the school. All 200 students due to start in September 2021 were offered a unique insight to life as a Thomas Telford School Student.

The uptake was excellent with 192 students experiencing at least one day, despite the continuing challenges presented with COVID-19 locally and nationally.

The school was able to utilise existing teaching and support staff to offer a wide variety of activities for the Year 7's to experience across the five days. Each student was engaged in the entire curriculum including English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Languages, Art and Technology.

Within these subjects', students took part in fun and engaging sessions which had been planned by our experienced staff. This provided each new student with an introduction into how the different subjects are delivered. It allowed students to express their talents across the full range of the curriculum, motivating them to maximise the opportunities that they will encounter during their seven years at Thomas Telford School.

Students had the opportunity to use all the state-of-the-art facilities including the Swimming Pool, Fitness Centre and Music Technology suites, which all the students enjoyed. With full access to the entire school, the new students were able to explore the layout of the school and find their way around ready for the new term.

The five days aimed to make September a smooth transition for the students, allowing them to spend time with new classmates and familiarise themselves with the day-to-day routines of the School. It was a fantastic week and staff were very impressed with how well the Year 7's worked within their subjects and conducted themselves around the building.

The Summer School was possible due to funding received by the Department of Education. Thomas Telford School was allocated a maximum of £59,700 to cover costs involved. By utilising existing staff who gave up a week of the summer holiday period to lead and deliver the programme, £45,850 of this allocation was spent. The majority of the costs incurred were human resources; paying teachers, learning support staff, the School Nurse, administration staff, catering staff and coach supervisors to plan and deliver the programme. Other costs included managerial costs, providing meals and drinks for students, (including free school meals), coach costs for students travelling from Wolverhampton, learning resource costs for the delivery of lessons and building and facility costs associated with the School running for an additional five days.

- **Human Resources** **£39,900**
- **Coaches** **£2,660**
- **Meals and drinks** **£1,100**
- **Learning Resources** **£690**
- **Building and Facilities** **£1,500**