

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Summer School 2021

Our five-day Summer School ran from August 23rd – 27th 2021

The aim of our Summer School was to:

- >assist in the recovery of missed learning and development
- >offer opportunities to enhance physical health, mental health and well-being
- >offer opportunities to forge relationships with new teachers and friends
- >offer the opportunity for pupils to familiarise themselves with their new environs

The five-day programme was a blend of **academic learning** (Maths, English including reading, punctuation and spelling activities and Science) and **enrichment activities**.

Enrichment activities included:

Team games – Kick Rounders

Teamwork - Treasure Hunt,

The Arts – Music and Art

Skills – basic First Aid; Cookery; Camp Craft & Circus Skills

Fitness - Just Dance

Exotic Zoo – learning about habitats & species including animal handling

Attendance

All of our 2026 cohort were invited, 138 requested places and 133 attended. [3 x Covid isolations; 1 illness & 1 x DNA]. Daily attendance ranged from 111-130 pupils. Most parents/carers kindly advised us of medical appointments and prior engagements at the time of requesting a place .

104 pupils (78% of those who attended) gained 100% attendance and a further 13 (10%) had 80% attendance. Six pupils (4.5% of those that attended) decided after Day 1 it wasn't for them.

A typical day

We tried to replicate the school day as closely as possible in terms of start times, length of sessions and break times. Pupils were arranged in small groups from the same Mentor group and House so that there would be some familiar faces once school started for real in September. Where possible we made sure that pupils from the same Primary School were separated. This meant that pupils mixed with pupils from other schools and were able to forge some new friendship groups. Lunch time was slightly longer so that pupils had chance to spend time with friends in other groups and get some fresh air.

We used our English lessons to introduce our focus upon 'Impressive vocabulary' and 'keywords' and to share our academy-wide slide icons so pupils know what is expected of them in academic lessons. What would've been our usual end of day, Mentor time slot was spent focusing upon Impressive reading, spelling and punctuation. This means that pupils gained a better working knowledge of our key daily routines.

Our programme of events is detailed below.

23-Aug	MON	gp1	gp2	gp3	gp4	gp5	gp6
08:30-09:30	S1	Maths [JD] F11	First Aid [LJD] F12-F13	Just Dance [DH] Auditorium	English [ACR] F18	Cookery [LCN] F8	Maths [REM] F16
09:35-10:35	S2	Cookery [LCN] F8	Maths [JD] F11	English [ACR] F18	First Aid [LJD] F12-F13	English [REM] F16	Just Dance [DH] Auditorium
10:50-11:50	S3	Just Dance [DH] Auditorium	Cookery [LCN] F8	Maths [JD] F11	Cookery [*EMO*] F9	First Aid [LJD] F12-F13	English [ACR] F18
12:25 -13:25	S4	English [ACR] F18	Just Dance [DH] Auditorium	Cookery [LCN] F8	Maths [JD] F11	Just Dance [DH & REM] Auditorium	First Aid [LJD] F12-F13
13:30-14:30	S5	First Aid [LJD] F12-F13	English [ACR] F18	First Aid [LJD + REM] F12-F13	Just Dance [DH] Auditorium	Maths [JD] F11	Cookery [LCN] F8
24-Aug	TUES	gp1	gp2	gp3	gp4	gp5	gp6
08:30-10:00	S1	Circus Skills [LJD] F12	Circus Skills [REM] F13	Music [TMG] G3	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field
10:15-11:45	S2	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field	Circus Skills [LJD] F12	Circus Skills [REM] F13	Music [TMG] G3	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside
12:25 - 13:25	S3a	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside	Music [TMG] G3	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field	Circus Skills [LJD] F12	Circus Skills [REM] F13
13:25 - 13:55	S3b1	Punctuation [GTH] F11	Punctuation [TMG] G3	Punctuation [OMI] F17	Punctuation [SEY] F18	Punctuation [LJD] F12	Punctuation [REM] F13
13:55-14:25	S3b2						
25-Aug	WEDS	gp1	gp2	gp3	gp4	gp5	gp6
08:30-10:00	S1	Music [TMG] G3	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside	English Maths [JD] F11 & ACR F18	Maths English [ACR] F18 & JD F11	Balloon Skills [DH] F12	Balloon Skills [SMC] F13
10:15-11:45	S2	Balloon Skills [DH] F12	Balloon Skills [SMC] F13	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside	Music [TMG] G3	English Maths [JD] F11 & ACR F18	English Maths [JD] F11 & ACR F18
12:25 - 13:25	S3a	English [ACR] F18	Maths [JD] F11	Balloon Skills [DH] F12	Balloon Skills [SMC] F13	Camp Craft [GTH] Outside	Music [TMG] G3
13:25 - 13:55	S3b1	Maths [JD] F11	English [ACR] F18				
13:55-14:25	S3b2	Reading [JD] F11	Reading [ACR] F18	Reading [DH] F12	Reading [SMC] F13	Reading [GTH] F17	Reading [TMG] G3
26-Aug	THURS	gp1	gp2	gp3	gp4	gp5	gp6
08:30-10:00	S1	Art n Craft [EMO] F2	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1	Exotic Zoo [DH] F1	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field	Science [LJD] S18
10:15-11:45	S2	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field	Science [LJD] S18	Art n Craft [EMO] F2	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1	Exotic Zoo [DH] F1
12:25 - 13:25	S3a	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1	Exotic Zoo [DH] F1	Kick Rounders [SEY] Field	Art n Craft [EMO] F2	Science [LJD] S18	Treasure Hunt [OMI] Outside
13:25 - 13:55	S3b1	Spelling [SMC]	Spelling [DH]	Spelling [SEY]	Spelling [EMO]	Spelling [LJD]	Spelling [OMI]
13:55-14:25	S3b2						
27-Aug	FRI	gp1	gp2	gp3	gp4	gp5	gp6
08:30-10:00	S1	Exotic Zoo [SEY] F1	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1	English Maths [OMI] F11 & ACR F18	Science [LJD] S18	Art n Craft [EMO] F2	Maths English [ACR] F18 & OMI F11
10:15-11:45	S2	Science [LJD] S18	English Maths [OMI] F11 & ACR F18	Exotic Zoo [SEY] F1	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1	Maths English [ACR] F18 & OMI F11	Art n Craft [EMO] F2
12:25 - 13:25	S3a	English [ACR] F18	Art n Craft [EMO] F2	Science [LJD] S18	Maths [OMI] F11	Exotic Zoo [SEY] F1	Exotic Zoo [SMC] F1
13:25 - 13:55	S3b1	Maths [OMI] F11			English [ACR] F18		
13:55-14:25	S3b2	Presentations & Celebrations					

Rewards

Certificates of attendance were awarded to all and to those who completed the First Aid Skills session. During each sessions pupils were awarded raffle tickets for outstanding conduct, participation or commitment. This culminated in a Prize Draw at the end of the week, when two lucky winners drawn at random won an Ipad and a Mountain Bike. All pupils who attended were provided with a 'Goody Bag' containing a pencil case filled with key stationery items, a Reading book and a book-mark.

Pupil Feedback

111 pupils provided feedback on Day 5 of Summer School. 97.3% (108/111) were pleased that they had attended Summer School. When asked what attending the Summer School had helped them most with, the top three responses were:

1. Meeting new friends [107]
2. Being able to work as part of a team [100]
3. Meeting new teachers and staff [99]

Other responses included:

Finding my way around the building [96]; Trying something new [90]; being more confident [87]; Meeting people in my mentor group &/or House [77]; Learning new skills [72].

We were encouraged by this as our aim is for pupils to be 'confident, calm & caring'

In terms of activities, the **top five** were:

1. Exotic Zoo [82]
2. Treasure Hunt [71]
3. Cookery [61]
4. Music [59]
5. Circus Skills [58]

Pupils were asked to give an overall '**star**' rating for Summer School

Star Rating	Number of Votes
★	1
★★	0
★★★	9
★★★★	32
★★★★★	69

We are really pleased by the overwhelming positivity of the pupils 😊

September-ready?

Of the 111 who completed the survey, 47 were anxious about starting at the Academy prior to attending Summer School but are now looking forward to it. 59 continue to look forward

to starting in September and 10 remain slightly apprehensive. The latter [10] compares very favourably with previous cohorts and is remarkably low given that these pupils were unable to complete their Induction sessions with us in July 2021. We have our Buddy system, Mentors and House Team who will be on hand to ease all pupils into life at the Academy.

Costs

All funding for the Summer School was provided by the DfE via 'Summer School Recovery'. We were extremely pleased to receive this funding as it meant that we were able to offer a more extensive programme for our pupils.

Income		Expenditure	
Parental contribution towards catering costs	292.56	Exercise Books; Stationery items and pencil cases	178.99
		Reading Books - 1 paperback book per pupil	180.68
		Photocopying & consumables	47.35
		Science experiment consumables	26.15
		Exotic Zoo & Circus Skills outside experts	1000.00
		Catering x 5 days (food costs + labour costs)	2452.50
		Prizes - Ipad x 1	258.31
		Prizes - Mountain Bike	111.62
		Thank You' chocolate for volunteer Buddies (Y10 & Y11)	32.78
		Staffing (5 days x 6 teachers; 6 TAs; 1 x Site Staff - cleaning; 1 x First Aider/Covid Officer; 1 x DSL; 0.5 days x Covid testers)	12891.12
TOTAL	£ 292.56	TOTAL	£ 17,179.50
		Overall Cost	£ 16,886.94

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