

Thomas Telford UTC – Year 6 Summer School

22nd - 28th July 2021

Due to the disruption in learning suffered by Year 6 students during the spring of 2021, and the difficulty in hosting any previous induction events for pupils whom had gained a place in Year 7 at Thomas Telford UTC, it was decided that week long summer school would be provided for these children at the beginning of the summer holidays. Students were invited to attend the summer school in June, and over 94% of the new cohort attended.

Year 7 Tutor Groups & PT Session:

Personal Tutors for the academic year 2021-22 have been assigned as follows:

Tutor Group	7W	7O	7L	7V	7E	7S
Personal Tutor	JOV	EBA	ACL	MWH	BSI	JWH

On the first day of summer school the students enjoyed an initial session where they got to know their personal tutors and new classmates. This consisted of the following activities:

- **Introductions**
- **The UTC Way & Expectations of Conduct**
- **Icebreaker – PT Introduction Activity**
- **“Who was Thomas Telford?” & Design a Logo**

At the end of the first day a ‘Virtual Information Evening’ was provided for parents of the new students. The rest of the week comprised a mix of core subject ‘catch-up’ sessions in English, maths and science and UTC specialist subject sessions, including performing arts, PE, construction, computer science, art and business studies. At the end of the final day, students were also provided with a summer work pack which included English, maths, science and art tasks. This work pack further supported the building of core subject skills required for a successful start to Year 7, along with optional fun activities.

Feedback from the Year 6 Attendees:

125 students completed the student voice survey. All students who participated in the student voice survey had attended more than 3 days of Summer School.

- I came to **3 or more** days of Summer School - 100%
- I have found the lessons this week **interesting** - 98%
- What I learnt in **Year 6, helped me** in Summer School - 97%
- I am aware of the **high standards expected** of me at Thomas Telford UTC - 100%
- I have **enjoyed** meeting my new classmates - 98%
- Summer School made me feel **ready** for Year 7 - 97%
- Because of Summer School, I am more **excited** to start in September - 98%

The majority of students asked enjoyed all lessons and gave particular mention to English, maths and science. Science impressed a student in 6O as they commented 'it was cool when the indicators changed colour from the chemicals we had used.' Students were complimentary about their Performing Arts and PE experience; these were described as 'so exciting'. Several students were impressed by the 'proper gym' and the equipment they would be able to use. Students who mentioned their Construction experience also said they were looking forward to learning more about the subject when arriving in September. The VR headset proved popular with a large proportion of the cohort, every class feedback that this technology had impressed them. Many students commented on their enjoyment in creating a 'new app' in business and were complimentary towards the teacher and lesson. One student in 6L commented, 'the lessons are exciting and I never get bored.'

When asked to 'tell us your favourite element of Summer School at TTUTC', students expressed a range of laudable compliments. Personable skills such as 'working in groups to achieve something great' was noted by a student in 6W. Students, across all PTs, made reference to how they appreciated the 'high standards' of the school. Summer School also provided the opportunity for new students to familiarise themselves with the building - another 6S student wrote, 'I liked meeting new people and getting to know the layout of the school.' One meritorious remark from a 6E student wrote Summer School gave 'a unique experience and a vision of what was to come'.

Overall, the Student Voice can be conceptualised in Lucas' (6S) feedback. His favourite thing about Summer School at Thomas Telford was 'the willingness to help students with all their needs'. It was a very successful, enjoyable and enlightening week for all involved.