

2021 Summer School @LPA

The Days Captured in Video

Day 1 and 2 - <https://youtu.be/HZSU-3WeBlc>

Day 3 and 4 - <https://youtu.be/53TITFofUYo>

Intention

Following government publication of the summer school programme the LPA team worked to develop a bespoke 4-day summer school programme. The aim of the 4 days was to assist with the transition process and embed pupils within our 'Think of the Other Person' ethos. Pupils attended the 4 days.

Skills developed

The lessons addressed the following areas:

- Self belief
- Friendship
- Supporting one another
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Becoming part of a community

Themes

Each day started with a thematic introduction based on the following two texts:

1. You Are Special by Max Luchado
2. Dream Big

Variety

Following the thematic intro lesson pupils then continued to complete a series of lessons including PE, Mental Health, Art, Performing Arts, Maths and Science. All the lessons followed themes from the set texts and were personally planned and delivered by LPA staff.

Welcome to Think of The Other Person

The success of the week was seen in the confidence of the pupils and the increased understanding and application of Lydiard Park Academy's 'Think of the Other Person', which was emphasised and connected in all aspects of the week. Pupils took home a bag of basic equipment, work from the week, a Medal achieve through achieving their personal best (as a reminder that all you can do is your best you can be) and a 'Treasure Chest of Positivity' in which the pupils created positive messages scrolls to encourage them in the home and at school. Within the art lessons the pupils have created a mural based on the theme of welcome – this is in multiple languages and will be displayed in the LPA reception.

In Summary

Initial feedback has been very positive from pupils, parents and staff. Peer mentors worked with the staffing team and demonstrated great leadership and got fully engaged in the week. While some pupils were anxious we had key successes with pupils increasing their attendance throughout the week to overcome their anxiety and attend and participate in group work activities.

The week ended with a whole year group assembly where we watched a video showcasing their success and performed 'Superhero' – sung and signing as a whole ensemble.

We felt that the week was beneficial for all involved. It is something that we would look at doing again.

Costing

Budget

Teaching Costs (inc. set-up) = £22,745

Catering and Cleaning = £6,550

Teaching Resources & Pupil Packs = £14,500