

Beths Catch-up Programme 2021

The Catch-up Funding from the Dfe was put towards the total cost of offering every student a school laptop for them to use in school and at home. This allowed students to undergo on-line learning through live lessons when schools were closed in January & February and allowed students who were self-isolating to engage in lessons when the school was in sessions at other times. Hence learning opportunities were not lost. The total cost of providing these machines was greater than the funding and the school funded the difference.

During the Christmas and Easter breaks, a number of both Year 11 and 13 were offered catch-up lessons, predominantly those who had suffered during the previous lockdowns. Year 10 were offered a programme during May half-term that accessed the catch-up funding. Staff were remunerated when such sessions were delivered.

Catch up funding received KS3/4 £76,800

Catch up funding received KS5 £2,712

Expenditure

Laptops cost £67,000

Staff remuneration £12,000

Workshop £1000

Beths Summer School Programme 2021

Year: 13

Description: Intensive catch up lessons for students identified by heads of department as being behind following poor engagement with learning over lockdown.

Attendance: 124 students

Teachers delivering lessons: 13 teachers delivering the programme

Impact: Very high levels of engagement with students all students surveyed (20%) reporting the sessions were valuable

Year: 11

Description: A group of students in year 10 who were significantly behind in their GCSE following robust end of year exams. The group was then provided with an intensive input of English, Mathematics and Science tuition from experienced and teachers in the school.

Attendance: 100 students

Teachers delivering lessons: 12 teachers delivering the programme

Impact: Remarkable engagement from students who were, prior to the summer school, less motivated than others. One teacher reported that given the extra effort put into these students he saw them motivated in a way never seen all year.

Year: 7

Description: A two day summer school with an intensive focus on writing for year 6 students who were about to join our new year 7. The focus was on writing as this is traditionally the weakest skill for students arriving at Beths. In addition to writing skill development and a focus on descriptive writing all students received a drama workshop delivered by the Globe Theatre on Henry V.

Attendance: 98 students

Teachers delivering lessons: 3 teachers

Impact: Brilliant engagement and a chance to produce writing which was then given to their year 6 teacher to support rapid progress across their first year at secondary school. Parents very appreciative of the efforts made to focus on this key skill prior to their arrival at the school in September.