



## Clyst Vale Community College Summer school 2021



Our summer school at Clyst Vale Community College in 2021 was facilitated by the Big Step transition programme.

Their mission statement is as follows:

*“Our mission is to cultivate the potential in every student to thrive, not only in their new surrounding but as a global citizen by inspiring a love of learning, by challenging and supporting every student to achieve their best and give them lifelong tools to help them deal and flourish in twenty-first century society. Our summer transition programme provides young people with the support they need so their transition from Primary to Secondary School is a success.*

*The programme is delivered by teachers and takes place for one week over the course of the summer holidays. We pride ourselves on providing new students with a smooth and extensive programme where students arrive on their first day of school excited about the next chapter of their education, rather than feeling apprehensive about the journey ahead of them.*

*The Programme is both educational and fun with curiosity central, to inspire students to learn. The timetable is interactive, challenging and has clear outcomes. There is a clear focus on identifying the needs of each student and then working with them to maintain their literacy and numeracy levels so that gains in primary school are not lost in transition.”*

At Clyst Vale Community College the programme ran from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August and a total of 145 pupils attended over the course of the 5 days. The students took part in transitional activities which were designed to prepare them for starting secondary school. These activities included meeting teachers, learning about the layout of the school, numeracy and literacy support, sports & games, arts, team building and emotional wellbeing. We were very proud of our existing students who supported the Big Step Team by being student mentors during the week.

Feedback from students was excellent and is captured below.

### Student feedback from – Clyst Vale Community College

The data below represents the % of students that either agreed or strongly agreed to a set of questions on the last day of the programme.

Question	Student response (clyst Vale)- % of students who agreed or strongly agreed	Overall % across all 17 summer schools
I had fun at the summer school	99	98
The activities provided were fun and engaging	97	96
The workshops provided will help me in the future (bullying, anxiety, scenarios)	96	90
The staff were helpful and supported me	98	97
I was pleased my new secondary school invited me to the summer school	99	90
Summer school has helped me to prepare for secondary school	96	95
The Summer school has helped me with my literacy and numeracy*	53	56
I would recommend 'The Big Step' to other students	99	97

\*Important to highlight that 'The Big Step' aims is to provide literacy and numeracy as a hidden curriculum, and at no point during the school week were children explicitly told that this is embedded within some activities.

Funding was received from the Department of Education for our summer school as follows:

Funding received for	Amount £	How funds were spent
Staffing / External providers	23680	Transition course to support year 6 students with adjusting to new school settings– particularly those who are vulnerable.
Directly employed staff	1500	CVCC staff and site staff
Materials & Equipment	500	Reprographics, clothing, rewards and materials for students
Site Costs	2750	Utilities and Cleaning
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28430</b>	