



WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Headmistress: Miss Sylvia Tai BA (Hons)

Summer School 2021

Our 'Warm up to WGGs' summer school was delivered over 5 days from the 23rd – 27th August 2021. Places were offered to all students starting at Watford Girls in Year 7 in September 2021. The key objectives of our summer school were to provide opportunities for students to:

- familiarise themselves with the school environment
- get to know their fellow students and begin to establish themselves in the WGGs community
- develop relationships with members of staff
- learn new routines which are a key part of WGGs life
- ease the transition from primary to secondary school

The first day was focussed around team building and getting to know one another. Students participated in a range of challenges which tested their resilience and ability to work together.

The following 4 days had sessions based around the following themes:

- The Olympics
- The Ocean
- Who Dunit?
- World Cultures

Throughout each day students participated in sessions focussed on numeracy, literacy and science. There was also a practical session each day including swimming sessions, drama and art activities.

Our funding was used in the following ways:

Staffing (80% of total budget) - experienced teaching staff were involved in leading each of the activities. Buddies were also employed to work with the groups to provide additional support, enabling Year 7 students to build relationships with older students within the WGGs community.

Resources and equipment – (15% of total budget) – A range of resources were purchased to support the running of the wide range of activities provided. This included stationary and science materials as well as funding external providers.

Food (5% of total budget) -students were offered the option to have a recess snack and packed lunch provided and the parents/carers were asked to contribute. This also included payment for meals for students who were eligible for Pupil Premium.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Below are some of the comments we received:



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“Before summer school I was a bit worried about not knowing anyone and not knowing how things will be there but now I know quite a lot of people and i feel a lot more comfortable coming back on our first day.”

“I was able to meet new people and I think I've secured friendships, so I won't be lonely when we start actual school. I also have had time to explore the school, which is relieving and I definitely won't get lost as much as I thought I would!”

“Summer school has helped with my transition to Watford Girls because I was able to meet new people earlier than I would have been able to and I made lots of friends. It also helped me to relax into a new building and it helped me to get used to being around different people. I feel surer of myself now and I am really looking forward to starting in September!”