

Going Places Transition Summer Project

The Bulwell Academy in partnership with
Bulwell EAZ, The Toy Library and Nottingham Trent University

Report

Aims:

To give the students an opportunity to

- Get to know the Academy site
- Make new friends who they will be attending the Academy with
- Get to know some Academy staff
- Have a gateway to other activities:
 - 9-13 project run by The Toy Library Next Steps project
 - Going Places project run by Nottingham Trent University



The summer project took place in August from Monday 9 to Friday 13 for four hours a day, 10am – 2pm. All upcoming year 7 students were invited, letters were sent home in May and bookings taken through June and July.

The staff team, led by Linda Abbott, Bulwell EAZ Manager and Mike Cook, VP at Bulwell, consisted of:

- Academy staff – a whole school email was sent out inviting staff to apply. They were paid at their hourly rate as DfE guidance. There was no selection process as all that applied were needed to cover the week. Some staff were tutor group leaders and some provided workshops such as Science, Cookery, Environment and Team building.
- Nottingham Trent University – staff and students. The Academy worked in partnership with NTU on the ‘Going Places’ project aimed at engaging young people and families to raise aspirations. Charlotte Convey worked on the planning with Linda and Mike, provided a range of workshops with NTU staff and external providers such as Mansfield Youth Theatre and Jamie T Spoken word. Students also buddied up with Academy tutor groups to lead activities. Funded through NTU with Dancop funding.



- The Toy Library – Yan Gough, who has led Summer Transition programmes in previous years through the Next Steps Project ran two workshops throughout the week. These were paid for from DfE funding via Bulwell Academy.

“My son is really looking forward to coming to the Academy in September now he has been to the Summer programme and met some new friends - he is so confident!”



Structure of the day:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10am	Welcome and introduction	Tutor time literacy activity – Tutors were Justine Flanagan/Alice Weallans, Julie Jones, Sharon Ince, Jason Lowther and Mike Elland, Andrew Leith. Marie Wilkinson floating support for SEND			
10.15am - 12.15	Morning workshops				
12.15pm	Free Lunch in the restaurant each day provided the Academy catering team				
12.45pm	Afternoon workshops				Tutor time and Celebration event
13.45pm – 2pm	Tutor time literacy activity led on Monday afternoon by Nic Beresford as a whole group				

Workshops:

Students were put into 5 groups of between 20 and 25 in each, as far as possible with others who would be in their tutor group in September. Each tutor group rotated around a range of workshops throughout the week so everyone got to do a wide range of activities. Staff leading the groups were able to build good relationships with the students over the week. The day started and ended with a literacy activity and the week ended with a Celebration Assembly led by Emma Kelly.



Workshop details	Provider/staffing	Timing	Space using	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thurs	Friday	
Drama	Mansfield Theatre group	10.15 - 12.15	DG06 Drama room	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	
Cooking	Shelley Eason - one hour	10.15 - 11.15	EG07 Cookery room	Group Ea	Group Aa	Group Ba	Group Ca	Group Da	
Stepping circle/school myths	NTU staff	11.15 - 12.15	Area outside EG07	Group Eb	Group Ab	Group Bb	Group Cb	Group Db	
Science	Mike Cook Mon/T Lewis Byers W/T/F	10.15 - 11.15	CG?? Science room	Group Da	Group Ea	Group Aa	Group Ba	Group Ca	
Visualisation session	NTU staff	11.15 - 12.15	CG breakout area	Group Db	Group Eb	Group Ab	Group Bb	Group Cb	
Envior/sport/den building	Jason Lowther	10.15 - 12.15	Field/Community Garden	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group A	Group B	
Craft/vision boards	Yan Gough - TL Next Steps	10.15 - 12.15	DG02 Art room	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group A	
Lunchtime - free for staff/students all staff to supervise		12.15 - 12.45	Restaurant	LUNCHTIME FOR ALL					
Mental map/orienteering	Home tutors/Alice Weallans (W/T)	12.45 - 1.45	All around site	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	All groups prep for celebration event in home tutor group	
NTU Sport	Stacey - Resilience and Respect	12.45 - 1.45	Sports Hall	Group E	Group A	Group B	Group C		
Spoken word	Jamie T	12.45 - 1.45	Drama room or hall	Group D	Group E	Group A	Group B		
Street games	Yan	12.45 - 1.45	Area outside DG02	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group A		
Boxing/Sport/Team building	Mike Elland	12.45 - 1.45	TBC	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E		

Safeguarding lead for the week was Michelle Strong (Principal at Bulwell Academy), First aiders were Mike Cook and Marie Wilkinson. A statement on behaviour expectations was included in the letter home to parents. No behaviour issues had to be dealt with during the week. DBS/ID details were recorded by Linda Abbott who also managed attendance; for all those who had not registered by 10.15, a call home was made. A significant number of non-attendance was due to someone in the home isolating due to COVID-19. As there were a number of children with autism a colleague from Nottingham City Autism team visited. She was very pleased with how the children had settled in during the week. Across all sessions in the week, a total of 605 invitations were confirmed; the following figures show attendance each day against those sessions.



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total
Invitations Confirmed	111	119	123	127	125	605
Pupil Premium Invitations	56	61	60	61	59	297
Attended	97	103	96	101	91	488
Pupil Premium Attended	45	51	47	47	41	231

Funding received from the DfE for the summer programme totalled £32,123. Of this £8,024 was for planning and preparation; £14,254 for delivery during the week; £3,347 for catering; £2,564 for premises costs; £2,975 for administration support and £959 for reporting and evaluation.

Overall, we felt the programme was a great success in term of quality of delivery, amount of students attending and the excellent partnership approach with The Toy Library and Nottingham Trent University.

Linda Abbott
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