

## All Saints Catholic High School

### Summer School 2021

We ran a weeklong Summer School on site Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 from 9am-3pm. All 209 new Y7 students were invited and over 160 students attended. 30% of students attending were from disadvantaged backgrounds. In addition, 17 Y11 students volunteered to support in lessons and were a real asset to the school. The vast majority of students attended for the whole week and therefore took advantage of all the activities on offer.

Every day we ran lessons in core subjects such as English, maths or science. On the Monday we had a visit from children's author Dan Brown who gave a presentation on his adventure novels and answered many of our students' questions. Later in the week, students all spent a day on the school field taking part in outdoor pursuits such as low ropes, den building, archery, and orienteering. On the final afternoon, all students gathered together for a liturgy where we celebrated the students' achievements over the week with a video montage, a reflection on friendship and rewards for our Y11s.

Feedback from students, parents and staff was overwhelming positive and we hope to offer many of these activities again as part of our ongoing Y6 into Y7 transition programme.

The summer school was funded through the Summer School Grant offered by the DfE. The total amount claimed for this activity was £38,040 the majority of which was spent on staffing (both internal and external) with the remaining funds used to cover materials and resources. We are grateful to the many staff who agreed to take part in the summer school this year which enabled us to offer the breadth of activities we did and allowed students to have a great introduction to the school.

