

SUBJECT: Life Skills

YEAR: 7, 8 & 9

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mr Justice

GROUPING POLICY: Mixed ability

COURSE CONTENT: Personal, Social, Health and Economic Awareness Education (PSHE) helps to give students the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active, responsible citizens. Through work in lessons and a number of off-timetable slots, students gain practical knowledge and skills to help them live healthily and deal with the spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues they face as they approach adulthood.

What will my child learn?

PSHE provides opportunities for the students to reflect on their experiences and how they are developing. It helps them to understand and manage responsibly a wider range of relationships as they mature, and to show respect for the diversity of, and differences between, people. It also develops students' well-being and self-esteem, encouraging belief in their ability to succeed and enabling them to take responsibility for their learning and future choice of courses and career.

What will homework look like?

No homework is given for this subject.

What enrichment opportunities are available?

Enrichment opportunities are available through visits and talks from outside agencies such as the local Police, Teenage Cancer Trust, Thematic plays to explore messages about bullying, disability, road safety awareness and grooming. These enrichment opportunities change from year to year according to the changing needs and current topical issues of our society.

We will also be delivering deep learning days involving community links and issues as well as Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) which develops over Years 7 to 9. The Programme follows the National Curriculum Guidelines for PSHE and Citizenship at Key Stage 4, and aspects of RSE are covered by the Governors' RSE Policy, available from the school.

ASSESSMENT

How will my child's work be assessed?

All students will be assessed every 12 weeks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

It is important that your child is kept informed of current affairs that are taking place at both a national and local level and that they are an active participant in local community activities. This will help them to realise that they are a valuable member of the wider community and that school life plays a major part in their local community and vice versa.