

Autumn Newsletter 2021-22



Norham Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the summer break despite the current circumstances. It's been lovely to see the students back into school and we look forward to engaging them in the Post 14 curriculum!

Our class team consists of a team of fantastic support staff, Michelle Waugh and Gemma Thorby as class teachers, Zoe Pearson as Occupational Therapist and Mollie Henaghan as Speech and Language Therapist.

Throughout the post 14 curriculum we will focus on the following areas of learning:

- Preparation for adulthood, which will include individualised work-related learning and enterprise programmes.
- Individualised life skills and independence programmes.
- Community and social interaction, with many opportunities to visit different places in the community including local cafes, leisure centres and work-related learning taster sessions.
- Functional skills including English, numeracy and ICT.
- Accreditation: this year we are continuing to use ASDAN for our formal accreditation. This will include a mixture of 'Towards Independence' modules and 'Life Skills challenge'.

The aim for therapy this term will be building relationships, social communication and functional skills building. Mollie and Zoe will be spending their time providing therapeutic input within group and 1:1 sessions both in the classroom and the community.

Both speech and language therapy and occupational therapy will continue to be provided on a needs led basis for each student, which will be reviewed as appropriate throughout the year.

Students will participate in weekly hiking, swimming and community sports sessions so if possible could you please provide appropriate equipment such as swim wear, a towel, hiking boots or similar and waterproofs. We can keep these items safe in school or send them home if that is preferred.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further.

Best wishes

Michelle, Gemma and the Norham Class team

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