



Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to inform you about the topics and units of work we will cover during the upcoming Autumn term. We are enthusiastic about the term ahead and hope your young person will enjoy learning at Birch Wood College.

We follow the Aspire Pathway and have planned a variety of engaging topics, content, knowledge, and skills for the next term, outlined in the table below. In addition to academic learning, we will provide your young person with opportunities to develop essential life skills and gain work-related experiences, both within and outside of Birch Wood College. Our goal is to prepare your young person for their transition into adulthood and equip them with the necessary skills and experiences for success. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your young person throughout the term.

Maths	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Maths Students: Statistics and Probability	GCSE Maths Students: Algebra and Ratio
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Language Reading Skills – Paper 1. GCSE Literature – Poetry – anthology. ASDAN English – module 1.	GCSE Language Writing Skills – Paper 1. GCSE Literature – A Christmas Carol and Macbeth revision. ASDAN English – module 2.
PSHE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Unit: Independence Responsible health choices Managing change Health and wellbeing, including sexual health, into adulthood	Unit: Next steps Application processes Future opportunities and career development Maintaining a positive professional identity
Reading	
Word of the week Own choice – levelled reading book Non-fiction articles	
ASDAN Personal and Social Development	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2

This unit aims to raise students' awareness of the risks they could face at home and when travelling and help them develop strategies for reducing risk.	This unit explores the importance of handling food safely and introduces students to the basic elements of food hygiene.
Employability/Enterprise	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Students will complete an ASDAN Work Right qualification. During Autumn 1, students will focus on studying health and safety at work and gaining work experience in various sectors.	Students will complete an ASDAN Work Right qualification. During Autumn 2, students will focus on studying Responsibilities in the workplace: Attendance; Timekeeping; Appearance at work and gaining work experience in various sectors.

Option Subjects

Food	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<p>ASDAN Foodwise</p> <p>Recapping food knowledge – healthy eating and food safety.</p> <p>Practical – Focusing on key food skills.</p>	<p>ASDAN Foodwise</p> <p>Practical – creating meals on a budget – developing presentation of our food creations.</p>
DofE	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<p>Teamwork</p> <p>Volunteering</p> <p>Helping people</p> <p>Community Action</p>	<p>Emergency First Aid</p> <p>Using a compass and map to navigate a route,</p> <p>Produce and follow a pre- planned route</p> <p>Outdoor cooking</p> <p>Camp skills (e.g. putting up tents).</p>
Photography	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Students will work on a photography or art project with a theme of 'macro.' They will learn about photographers and artists who use macro as the starting point for their work. In addition, students will begin their first ASDAN challenge by keeping a 'thinking diary' to document their reflections on their work.	Students will work on a photography or art project with a theme of 'macro.' They will learn about photographers and artists who use macro as the starting point for their work. In addition, students will begin their first ASDAN challenge by keeping a 'thinking diary' to document their reflections on their work.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to send me an email at hawkinsl@birchwoodschool.co.uk. I am always happy to help you with any queries about your young person. Thank you for your continuous support.

Best regards,

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