



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share with you the upcoming topics and units of work that we will be covering in the Autumn term at Birch Wood College. Our class follows the Aspire Pathway, and we have outlined the content, knowledge, and skills that we will be focusing on in the table below. In addition to academic learning, we will also provide opportunities for your young person to develop important life skills and gain work-related experiences both within Birch Wood College and at various offsite venues. These experiences are designed to equip your young person with the necessary skills and knowledge to prepare them for their transition into adulthood.

Maths	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE Maths Students: Statistics and Probability Entry Level Students: Statistics and Number	GCSE Maths Students: Algebra and Ratio Entry Level Students: Money and Time
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE Reading Skills – Paper 1. Entry Level 2/3 Component 1 – Pets. ASDAN English module 1.	GCSE Writing Skills – Paper 1. Entry Level 2/3 Component 2 – Heroism or Survival. ASDAN English module 2.
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Mental health and emotional wellbeing Mental health and emotional wellbeing Managing stress Body image Healthy coping strategies	Readiness for work Career opportunities Preparing for the world of work
Reading	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Word of the week Own choice – levelled reading book Non-fiction articles	

Personal and Social Development	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2

This unit aims to raise students' awareness of the risks they could face at home and when in the community and help them develop strategies for reducing risk.	The students will receive training on how to catch a bus and how to read a bus and train timetable. They will demonstrate their understanding of these skills by travelling short distances around Melton.
Employability/Enterprise	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 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	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 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	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 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	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 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 hemenss@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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