



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this is it – the final term of year 11. For some of our young people, it's the final term at Birch Wood as they are looking forward to moving on to different colleges around the area. This is the case for a number of our year 11 class, but please be assured that we are here to support them through this next big step in their lives, and to talk through any concerns or questions they have. This term also sees our class sitting their final exams and assessments towards their qualifications. Even though it is difficult for students not to feel anxious about this, we are here to support them through these assessments. We know that they will all do their best, and this is all we can ask from them. The end of year 11 will be here before we know it, and we will be looking back on a number of wonderful years together, lots of memories and far too many awful jokes!

Our class are following the Aspire Pathway. This means they are learning subject specific content which is personalised to their strengths and needs. The table below gives an outline of topics, content, knowledge and skills that we will be looking at over the next term.

Maths	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> <b>Number and Revision</b> <i>Entry Level Students:</i> <b>Fractions</b>	<i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> <b>Revision</b> <b>Enterprise and Budgeting</b> <i>Entry Level Students:</i> <b>Operations 2</b> <b>Enterprise and Budgeting</b>
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE final revision – papers 1 and 2. Topics dependent on students' interests.	GCSE final revision – paper 2. Reading, inference, comprehension – using articles from The Day. Novel study: Jekyll and Hyde or The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Medicinal Drugs Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	Managing Finances
Reading	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>KS4 Fluency Pathway:</b> Words of the week Guided reading Own choice, levelled book Non-fiction articles	
Science	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Revision sessions GCSE exams paper 1	GCSE exams paper 2 Basic first aid

R.E.	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>ASDAN Beliefs and Values</b></u> <u><b>Module 4: Peace and conflict</b></u> To develop an understanding of the value of peace in society and the impact of conflict. It provides opportunities to learn about issues such as the role of the armed forces, pacifism and weapons of mass destruction. Explore religious views. What do these religions say about peace and conflict?	
ICT	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>ASDAN - Computing Vocational Taster</b></u> <u><b>Module 1 – Infrastructure</b></u> Develop knowledge and skills of basic facilities and system serving a country, region, or community.	
Core PE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>Net Games</b></u> <u><b>(Tennis)</b></u> Continued development of fundamental movement skills specifically that of striking. Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational play and competition.	<u><b>Functional Movement</b></u> <u><b>(Moving for Fitness and Athletics/ Sports day prep)</b></u> Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational competition.
Sport and Leisure	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>SP9 - Assisting in a Sport Activity</b></u> Assist in the delivery of a sports activity, showing a positive attitude Review own performance after delivering a sports activity <u><b>A1 – Being Organised</b></u> Explore techniques to improve own organisational skills Review the use of techniques to improve own organisational skills.	
Design	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Examination: 3D Making & Evaluating; Produce plan of making design/steps. Produce a prototype and test materials. Create and evaluate a final 3D model/produce of the final idea and evaluate all steps and outcome	Improvements Coursework & Examination Moderation
Drama	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>BTEC Performing Arts Certificate</b></u> <u><b>A1: Being Organised</b></u> Learners will develop key techniques to help organise their work and priorities and manage their time effectively.	
Photography	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<u><b>AO4 – Final Exam</b></u> Students will complete a personal and meaningful response as a result of their exam investigations and development work. This will be in the form of a 10 hour exam.	<u><b>Summer Term 2 digital skills workshops</b></u> Learners will enjoy a range of workshops in various photography / digital based media. They will have the opportunity to design and produce resources for the end of year events such as prom flyers.



Art	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>A1: Being Organised</b> Learners will research and explore various techniques to improve organisation. All units complete and submitted for final assessment	<b>Summer Term 2 skills workshops</b> Learners will enjoy a range of workshops in various art based media
Hospitality	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Unit HT6 – serving food and drink Learners will develop skills in serving food and drink safely and hygienically to customers in hospitality settings	Seasonal cooking

Jamie and I, as well as all the other teaching staff, are here to support students throughout their final couple of months in year 11. As always, please do get in touch if there is anything that you are concerned about, or if you or your child need any support over the next term.

If you are unsure about anything, please feel free to email me: [mitchellc@birchwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:mitchellc@birchwoodschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,

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