



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share an overview of the engaging topics and units of work we will be exploring during the upcoming summer term. Our goal is to ensure that your young person continues to thrive and enjoy their learning journey at Birch Wood College.

As part of the Aspire Pathway, we have carefully planned a curriculum that encompasses essential topics, content, knowledge, and skills for the next term. In addition to our core studies, we are dedicated to providing your young person with valuable opportunities to develop life skills and gain work-related experiences, both on campus and through offsite venues. These experiences are designed to support their growth and pave the way for a successful transition into adulthood.

Maths	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Number and Revision	Revision Enterprise and Budgeting
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>Skills of reading, writing, inference – Language and Literature.</b> Final revision for those completing the exams. ASDAN English – module 5 and final completion of paperwork. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.	<b>Skills of reading, writing, inference.</b> Final revision for those completing the exam. Reading skills using articles from The Day. Study of a novel – dependent on student interests – Fahrenheit 451 or The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<b>Building and maintaining relationships</b> New friendships and relationships, including in the workplace. Personal safety	<b>Building and maintaining relationships</b> Conflict resolution Relationship changes
Reading	
Word of the week Own choice – levelled reading book Non-fiction articles	

ASDAN Personal and Social Development	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> Students will examine both healthy and unhealthy activities. Consider the aspects of people's life that are healthy and unhealthy, including alcohol consumption, diet, drug use, sleeping habits, personal hygiene, relationships, physical activity, and safer sex practices.	<b>Community Action</b> Students will explore the roles of community groups and the benefits of participating in community activities. Students will contribute to community activities in the school community.
Employability/Enterprise	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Working with others</b> Students will focus on respecting others and building workplace relationships. They will also develop teamwork skills through engaging workshops and practical work placements.	<b>Preparation for work</b> Interview techniques/ CV writing and job application tasks. How to approach businesses to apply for jobs.

### Option Subjects

Food	
Summer 1	Summer 2
Demonstrate understanding of cooking terms and equipment Understand health and safety guidelines Practical cooking assessments direct from own choice of recipes	Seasonal cooking
DofE	
Summer 1	Summer 2
Plan, train for, and complete a one-night expedition. Using a compass and map to navigate a route, Produce and follow a pre- planned route Outdoor cooking Camp skills (e.g. putting up tents).	Plan, train for, and complete a one-night expedition. Using a compass and map to navigate a route, Produce and follow a pre- planned route Outdoor cooking Camp skills (e.g. putting up tents).
Expressive Arts	
Summer 1	Summer 2
The Expressive Arts class will be working through further tasks within their ASDAN, having already gained credits across the first 3 modules, they will move onto working within their last module and will complete 3 challenges in section A and 2 challenges in section B for a further 2 credits.	

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to send me an email at [hawkinsl@birchwoodschool.co.uk](mailto: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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