



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the topics and units of work we will cover throughout the upcoming summer term. We are excited about the term ahead and hope that your young person will continue to enjoy learning at Birch Wood College. Our class follows the Aspire Pathway, and we have outlined the topics, content, knowledge, and skills we will cover over the next term in the table below. We will also provide opportunities for your young person to develop important life skills and work-related experiences both within Birch Wood College and offsite at a range of different venues. These experiences aim to prepare your young person for their transition into adulthood.

Maths	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> Number and Revision <i>Entry Level Students:</i> Fractions	<i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> Revision Enterprise and Budgeting <i>Entry Level Students:</i> Measure Enterprise and Budgeting
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
GCSE and Entry Level skills – reading, writing, inference. Final revision for those completing the GCSE exam. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Reading skills using articles from The Day. ASDAN English – module 5 and final completion of paperwork.	GCSE and Entry Level skills – reading, writing, inference. 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
Building and maintaining relationships Consent Assertive communication Positive relationships and recognising abuse Strategies for managing dangerous situations or relationships	Personal Safety Independence and keeping safe Travel First aid Substance use
Reading	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Word of the week Own choice – levelled reading book Non-fiction articles Whole class reading for comprehension and discussion	

Personal and Social Development	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Health and Wellbeing 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.	Food Safety This unit explores the importance of handling food safely and introduces students to the basic elements of food hygiene.
Employability/Enterprise	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Working with others Students will focus on respecting others and building workplace relationships. They will also develop teamwork skills through engaging workshops and practical work placements.	Preparation for work Interview techniques/ CV writing and job application tasks. How to approach businesses to apply for jobs.

Option Subjects

Food	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 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 Term 1	Summer Term 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	
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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 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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