Birch Wood Area Special school
Class The Nook
Summer 2025
Curriculum Newsletter









Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We have a very busy term coming up with our Year 11 students doing their GCSE exams. They have all been working really hard toward these and we wish them all Good Luck. As the term moves on, some of our students will be going on a fabulous trip to Paris which will be a great opportunity for them to have new experiences in a different country. Students in the Nook have also been doing their own enterprise projects over the year to raise money for an end of year trip to Cadbury World. As a result of their hard work, they have nearly raised all the money needed to go on the trip and have planned a class car wash for the end of this half term which will raise the last of the money required. Well done.

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
Year 10	Year 10
GCSE Maths Students:	GCSE Maths Students:
Number	Geometry 2
Entry Level Students:	Enterprise and Budgeting
Fraction	Entry Level Students:
Year 11	Measure
GCSE Maths Students: Number and Revision Entry Level Students: Fractions	Year 11
	GCSE Maths Students:
	Revision
	Enterprise and Budgeting
	Entry Level Students:
	4 Operations 2
	Enterprise and Budgeting
	English
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year 10	Year 10
Music	GCSE spoken language presentations – student choice of
Retrieval, inference, transactional and persuasive	topics.
writing.	Entry Level and GCSE skills
Entry Level and GCSE skills.	Year 11
Year 11	GCSE final revision – paper 2.
GCSE final revision – papers 1 and 2.	Reading, inference, comprehension – using articles from
Topics dependent on students' interests	The Day.
	Novel study: Jekyll and Hyde or The Curious Incident of the
	Dog in the Night-Time.

F	PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Year 10	Year 10	
Intimate Relationships consent and Contraception	Medicinal Drugs	
Year 11	Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	
Medicinal Drugs	Year 11	
Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	Managing Finances	
Reading		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
KS4 Fluency Pathway:		
Words of the week		
Guided reading		
Own choice, levelled book		
Non-fiction articles		
Science		
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2	
Year 11	Year 11	
Revision sessions	GCSE exams paper 2	
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GCSE exams paper 1	Basic first aid
Year 10	Year 10
Inheritance and evolution	Chemistry of our atmosphere
Evolution by natural selection	Our evolving atmosphere
Selective breeding	Greenhouse gases
	Climate change
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R.F.	
N.L.	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2

Year 10

ASDAN Beliefs and Values

Module 2: Environment

To develop an understanding of the significant impact that we have on the environment and how we take responsibility for our actions. It provides opportunities to learn about issues such as sustainability, animal rights and renewable energy. Explore religious views on environments.

Year 11

ASDAN Beliefs and Values

Module 4: Peace and conflict

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

Year 10

Unit 12 (2 credits) - Presentation Software

Unit 7 (4 credits)-Word processing

Year 11

Module 1 - Infrastructure

Develop knowledge and skills of basic facilities and system serving a country, region, or community.

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Core PE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
MATP & Striking and Fielding	MATP & Functional Movement
Continued development of fundamental movement skills specifically that of striking. Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational play	(Moving for Fitness and Athletics/ Sports day prep) Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination) Further establishing rules and routines Development of co-operational play.
Sport and Leisure	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2

Unit 3: Coaching Principles

Knowledge of the skills and responsibilities of a sports coach; understanding the coaching process; how to coach; review coaching performance; preparation for and completing controlled practical assessment.

SP9 – Assisting in a Sport Activity

A Assist in the delivery of a sports activity, showing a positive attitude B Review own performance after delivering a sports activity

A1 - Being Organised

- A) Explore techniques to improve own organisational skills
- B) Review the use of techniques to improve own organisational skills.

Design	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year 10 Musical POS Stand: Research & Analysis; Themes, Techniques & Artist/Designers Investigate and present visual research of personal themes from a mind map. Research & Analyse styles and techniques of artist/designers Year 11 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	Year 10 Musical POS Stand: Explore Media, Initial & Developed Ideas; Explore ideas using a range of 2D media, materials and methods. Develop 2D & 3D ideas based on the chosen theme and linked to the art/design research. Year 11 Coursework Improvements Coursework & Examination Moderation
Drama	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2

Year 10

Unit 1 Task 5 – Further evaluation of work including work prior to performance

Year 11

A1: Being Organised

Learners will develop key techniques to help organise their work and priorities and manage their time effectively.

Photography	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year 10	Year 10
Photography project 2	Photography project 2
Year 10 students will begin work on their second	Students will continue to develop their Food project,
themed project 'Food'.	and work on AO2 AO3.
This term they will begin with a mind map of initial	Evidence of AO2 and outcomes presented and
ideas, initial artist research and photoshoot in	annotated in portfolios.
response to their work	Project will be continued when students move into year
Year 11	11 Autumn Term
AO4 – Final Exam	Year 11
Students will complete a personal and meaningful	Summer Term 2 digital skills workshops
response as a result of their exam investigations and development work. This will be in the form of a 10	Learners will enjoy a range of workshops in various
hour exam.	photography / digital based media. They will have the
Hour exam.	opportunity to design and produce resources for the
	end of year events such as prom flyers.
	Art
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Project 2: Mock exam project	Summer Term 2 skills workshops
Students will engage with a second theme and run	Learners will enjoy a range of workshops in various art
this in the style of a mock exam, with a timed final	based media
piece In Autumn Term 2 Year 11.	Sasea meala
'	pitality
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Year 10	Year 10
SAMs mock Controlled Assessment Task	Practical::
Theory: Unit 1	2.3.1 How to prepare and make dishes
1.3.1 Health and safety in hospitality and catering	2.3.2 Presentation techniques
provision.	2.3.3 Food safety practices
2.3.3 Food safety practice	2.4.1 Reviewing of dishes
Year 11	2.4.2 Reviewing own performance
Unit HT6 – serving food and drink	Year 11
Learners will develop skills in serving food and drink	Seasonal cooking
safely and hygienically to customers in hospitality	
settings	Together
Summer Term 1	Together Summer Term 2
	an, teach and lead Dance sessions to gain the Silver Arts
Award	

If you are unsure about anything, please email us on jacksonk@birchwoodschool.co.uk. We are always happy to help you with any questions you may have about your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

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