Birch Wood Area Special School Class 10BO Autumn 2025 Curriculum Newsletter









#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

The students have settled in well into their new year 10 tutor group and showed enthusiasm for learning coming back from their summer break. Thank you all for your continued support.

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		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
GCSE Students:	GCSE Students:	
Statistics and Probability	Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge	
Entry Level Students:	Algebra and Ratio	
Statistics and Number	Entry Level Students:	
	Enterprise: Rickshaw Challenge	
	Money and Time	
Engl	ish	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Topic: Holidays.	Topic: Hobbies.	
Retrieval, inference, transactional and persuasive writing.	Retrieval, inference, transactional and persuasive writin	
Entry Level and GCSE skills.	Entry Level and GCSE skills.	
PSI	IE	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Managing Pressure.	Public and Private Gambling.	
Read		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term Z	
Autumn Term 1  KS3 Fluency	Autumn Term 2	

Words of the week.
Guided reading.
Own choice, levelled book.
Non-fiction articles.

### **Phonics Pathway**

Pupils receive daily phonics sessions appropriate to their needs and module level using Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc Fresh Start.

Science		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Forces. Energy changes.	Infection and response. Checkpoint – Biology.	
RE		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	

# ASDAN Beliefs and Values Module 1: Values, beliefs and decision making

To develop an understanding of personal qualities, values and beliefs, and the role they play in decision making. It provides opportunities to learn about how these values contribute to our diverse a multicultural society.

ICT	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2

## **File and Folder Management**

Develop understanding and organisation skills. Students to create their folders for the new academic year (lesson 1).

## TLM - IT User Skills Unit 10 - Presentation Software

Students to create an interactive presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint using tools and features in the program.

Core PE		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Functional Movement (Team Building or HRF)  Initial movement assessment made by teacher. Establishing rules and routines. Teaching Fundamental movement (gross and fine motor movement) and communication skills. Develop knowledge of how the body works and the importance of exercise for health.  Functional Movement (Indoor Athletics Prep)  Teaching Fundamental movement skills (e.g. movement through space, jump, throw, balance and co-ordination).	Invasion Games/ Kinball  Ball skills (Throwing, catching, rolling etc).  Negotiating space and embedding rules and analysing performance.  Developing communication for team games.	
Sport and Leisure		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	

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Drama		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Level ½ vocational award in performing arts	Level ½ vocational award in performing arts	
Unit 1 Task 1a- Findings of research. Unit 1 Task 1b-Discuss how research will influence performance. Unit 2 Task 1- Outline components when writing creative brief. Unit 1 Task 2- Outline rehearsal schedule.	Unit 1 Task 3- Producing a reflective journal. Unit 2 Task 2- Produce a development log.	
Design		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Design Component 1: Project 1 – Creative Calligraphy & Advertisement investigate and explore a range of 2D lettering designs using media and materials.	Design Component 1: Project 1 – Creative Calligraphy design and develop a Graphic Advertisement using a range of styles and techniques.	
Moving Together		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	

## Part A of their Bronze Award

Researching different styles of dance through participating in Dance and independent research to collate facts about each style of dance.

Researching Artists and Art organisations.

Photography		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	
Introduction to Photography	Photography project 1 'Macro'	
Students study the history photography and research the basics of the camera and essential Photography terminology.	Learners will be introduced to a themed project focussing on macro photography.	
Art		
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	

### **Art Component 1:**

Project 1 – Natural Form.

Explore the theme 'skulls' and natural form in Fine Art, using drawing painting and other media.

Hospitality	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Introduction to course content	Practical: Unit 2
Theory: Unit 1	Practical: Offit 2
	2.3.1 How to prepare and make dishes: prepare
1.3.2 HACCAP forms	techniques/knives skills/cooking techniques.
1.4.1 Food related ill health:	2.3.3 Food safety Practices.
Food labelling laws.	2.1.1 Understanding the importance of nutrition.
Food safety legislation.	2.1.2 How cooking methods can impact on nutritional
Food hygiene.	value.

If you are unsure about anything, please email us on <a href="Moderab@birchwoodschool.co.uk">Oderab@birchwoodschool.co.uk</a> or <a href="Thakored@birchwoodschool.co.uk">Thakored@birchwoodschool.co.uk</a>. 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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