



Dear Parents and Carers,

We follow the Aspire Pathway and have planned a variety of engaging topics, content, knowledge, and skills for the next term, outlined in the table below. In addition to academic learning, we will provide your young person with opportunities to develop essential life skills and gain work-related experiences, both within and outside of Birch Wood College. Our goal is to prepare your young person for their transition into adulthood and equip them with the necessary skills and experiences for success. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your young person throughout the term.

Maths	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Maths Students: Statistics and Probability <i>Entry Level Students:</i> Statistics and Number	GCSE Maths Students: Algebra and Ratio <i>Entry Level Students:</i> Money and Time
English	
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
GCSE Reading Skills – Paper 1. Entry Level 2/3 Component 1 – Pets.	GCSE Writing Skills – Paper 1. Entry Level 2/3 Component 2 – Heroism or Survival.
Reading	
Word of the week. Own choice – levelled reading book. Non-fiction articles.	
PSHE	
This term, students will learn about what makes healthy, respectful relationships. They will explore their own values, understand different types of relationships, and learn how to stay safe—both in person and online.	
ASDAN Personal and Social Development	
In ASDAN PSD, students will be covering the following in the Autumn term: Module 7 – Health and Wellbeing Health and Wellbeing This module is all about exploring ways to stay emotionally and physically healthy. Learners will keep a record of emotional wellbeing activities like reading or listening to music. Learners will where possible undertake a recognised course in first aid. Module 11- Expressive Arts The Expressive Arts module allows students to explore various creative fields, including painting, poetry, music, and drama. Students will watch performances, provide critical feedback, and study artists in both poetry and drama. Module 1- Communication This module is all about finding and sharing information in different ways. Learners will join in a group discussion to raise their opinions and learn from other points of view. Learners will practice sharing and presenting ideas to others by writing, talking or drawing or even take on an editorial role and write for a blog or newspaper.	
Employability/Enterprise	
Students will explore career options and refine their aspirations in this module. This course will help students turn their goals into actionable steps, such as preparing job applications and getting ready for success in the workplace. Through hands-on virtual and practical experiences, students can investigate various jobs while developing essential skills for working well with others. They will participate in virtual work experiences with McDonald's, the NHS, and Haven, focusing on teamwork and communication. Students will also gain experience at Rutland Farm Park, learn how to write a CV, and understand health and safety in the workplace.	

Food for Personal Development	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Pupils will learn to select and prepare ingredients for a recipe. To understand the importance of breakfast.	Pupils will learn to Identify risks in the kitchen. To understand cross contamination / bacteria/ infection.
Core PE	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Engaging in physical activity in the community to develop independent life skills.	Engaging in physical activity in the community to develop independent life skills.

Option Subjects

Health and Social Care	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Intro MU 1.1 Understand the range of service provision and roles within health and social care (adults and children and young people), early years and childcare. Credit Value: 3	Intro MU 1.2 Understand the principles and values in health and social care (adults and children and young people), early years and childcare. Credit Value: 3
Creative Media	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Introduction to Creative Media and Digital Art Investigating creative styles used in print, audio and digital video.	Exploring and experimenting with Media print, audio and digital video techniques.
Duke of Edinburgh Award	
Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<u>Volunteering Section</u> Students will engage in a variety of projects both in college and within the community. These may include sports leadership, supporting younger students with reading and charity fundraising projects. <u>Expedition Section</u> Students will be working on skills needed for expedition, these will be practised in college and with the community. Topics will include first aid, navigation skills (using compass and map), how to summon help, campcraft skills (tents, cooking), teamwork and leadership and the countryside code.	

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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