



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly positive and productive term, and our students should feel proud of everything they've achieved. They have worked hard in lessons, shown growing independence through travel training, and developed real-life skills in shopping and budgeting. Our Enterprise work has been a real highlight, with students showing creativity, teamwork, and responsibility. We have also seen fantastic, supportive, social interactions, especially during personal development sessions and community activities. The whole class team are extremely proud of their progress, their attitude, and the way they represent themselves in every setting.

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	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p><i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> Number and Revision</p>	<p><i>GCSE Maths Students:</i> Revision Enterprise and Budgeting</p>
English	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p>GCSE and Entry Level skills – reading, writing, inference.</p> <p>Final revision for those completing the GCSE exam. Final completion of EL papers.</p> <p>Literacy and reading inference/comprehension skills.</p>	<p>GCSE and Entry Level skills – reading, writing, inference. Final revision for those completing the exam.</p> <p>Reading skills using articles from The Day.</p> <p>Study of a novel – dependent on student interests – Fahrenheit 451 or Once.</p>
PSHE	
Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
<p>Respectful relationships Building and maintaining relationships</p>	<p>Health choices and safety</p>

Reading	
<p>Word of the week Own choice – levelled reading book Non-fiction articles</p>	

ASDAN Personal and Social Development	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Students will develop essential independence skills through a structured programme that includes travel training, budgeting, and managing household bills, cooking, and community participation. Across the term, learners will practice real-life tasks such as route planning, safe travel, managing money, preparing meals, and navigating community environments with increasing confidence.</p>	

Employability/Enterprise	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Enterprise Students will develop core enterprise skills through a sequence of practical projects, including planning, budgeting, product creation, marketing, and sales. Across the term, learners will apply Maths, English, and personal development skills in real-life contexts, building independence and confidence.</p>	

Food For Personal Development	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Pupils will develop a healthy meal plan. To identify places to shop for food.</p>	<p>Pupils will learn to work safely in the kitchen. To select and prepare ingredients for a recipe.</p>
Core PE	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Engaging in physical activity in the community to develop independent life skills.</p>	



Option Subjects

Health and Social Care	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>The role and purpose of promoting health and well-being</p> <p>1.5.1 The role, purpose and benefits of promoting health and well-being. 1.5.2 How to support individuals to take responsibility for their own health and well-being 1.5.3 Ways of promoting health and well-being</p>	
Creative Media	
Summer 1	Summer 2
Using the techniques of Audio Recording develop a range of ideas based on the theme of podcasting – interviews, narration, audio drama etc.	Completing final outcomes and Presentation and evaluation of final outcomes.
Duke of Edinburgh Award	
Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Expedition preparation.</p> <p>Students will participate in weekly outings in the community and in practise sessions in college to develop the skills needed for the expedition. These skills will include navigation, tent skills and outdoor cooking skills.</p>	

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to send me an email at hawkinsl@birchwoodschoool.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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