

EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

UPPER SCHOOL OPTIONS - SUMMER TERM 2022

Students have been working hard through the Autumn and Spring terms to complete all their course work units for their WJEC Entry Pathways qualifications in their options lessons. This term will be about developing practical skills and working towards AQA Unit Awards.

Engagement in the Arts

Art: Students will be planning large scale art works and completing these in small groups painting outside the classroom. Students will be able to develop and refine their creative skills and learn how to adapt work to a larger scale.

Drama: Students will be developing the drama presentation they created last term and performing to an audience. Students will be learning about the use of masks in theatre and have opportunities to create masks for our presentation.

Music: Students will be developing the music and performance skills they have learnt throughout the year and will be learning music pieces to perform at events. These events include the Year 11 leavers assembly and the Jubilee celebrations.

Media: Students will be reviewing films, identifying the purpose of film reviews, writing and presenting persuasive reviews.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

Environmental Studies: Students will find out about the five classification levels for endangered species, which animals are endangered and how / why they became so. We will discuss the trade in animal parts and research ways to help endangered species.

Humanities: Students will be taking part in Personal Humanities projects this term, where they will study a humanities topic of their choice. The students can present their work any way they like for example, a model or a short film.

Land Studies and Life Skills: Students will continue to maintain the garden and grow a range of crops and produce. Students will develop their enterprise skills by selling produce that they grow. Students will continue to practice different skills to support independence such as general cleaning, basic cooking, gardening, sewing and road safety.

World of Work and Independent Living

Animal Care: The Summer Animal Care group will have the opportunity to develop their animal care skills and gain more practical experience of working on the farm.

Child Care: Students will be focussing on different areas of child care such as bathing a baby, childcare up to 3 years and shopping for new baby essentials. We will have visits out and about in the local community to see where you can buy items needed for a baby and toddler and comparing the cost of key items.

Business Studies: Students will have the opportunity to visit different work places to help them to find out about local businesses and the products and services they provide. Students will research a business of their choice and had a tour of the work place.

Food Studies: Students will be learning catering skills. Students will have the opportunity to work in a school café and food takeaway service.

Hair and Beauty: Students will be building up a portfolio of different hairstyles, nail designs and makeup ideas.

Multi-Trades: Students will continue to use the facilities at Petroc to develop their skills in bricklaying.

MVS: Students will continue to practice the skills they have learnt this year and complete basic car maintenance and vehicle checks. The focus this term is on the safe use of MVS tools.

Mathematics and Science

Science: Students will be setting up and carrying out different investigations more independently using what they have learnt over the autumn and spring terms.

Key Dates for Upper School

- Friday 6th – Saturday 7th May 2022- Ten Tors
- Monday 9th May – Friday 27st May 2022: Functional Skills Assessments Year 11's - letter attached
- Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June 2022: Activities Week
- Friday 24th June 2022: Last day for Year 11. Year 11 Leavers Assembly