



# EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

## Upper School - Autumn i Term 2024

### English, Language and Communication

- Speaking, Listening and Communication (SLC) lessons will focus on developing the student's skills using the local community as a topic. Students will develop and refine their discussion skills and use of questions to gain information.
- In English this term we are looking at how to write notes and letters. This will include looking at how we write a letter for different purposes, how to use punctuation, using words to make our writing more interesting and how to structure sentences. Students will be learning how to complete forms and applications to support Work Related Learning.

### Mathematics and Science

- In Maths we will be developing our calculation skills and using money to calculate. We will be improving our skills using time to help tell the time and use time in real life contexts. We will also be developing our understanding of how and when to use different units of measure and developing our skills in shape and position and direction.
- Please see the attached options list for details of Science in Upper School this term.

### Personal Development and Physical Literacy

- In ICT we will be learning the main features and uses of different types of devices, how to apply system settings and how to navigate online content to locate required information.
- In PSHE we will be focussing on the 'Who I am' topic. Covering Self-worth, self-image and identity (including online) as well as emotional wellbeing, which also covers our 10 a day- choices towards balancing mental health
- Sport and Leisure students will be participating in Team Games. The sports covered will be football and rounders. The aim is for students to show a range of skills and learn tactics in these sports.

### Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- In RE this term, students will be exploring why RE is important, using themes of respect and tolerance to help them understand that people believe different things and that is OK.
- Please see the options list attached for details of Humanities, Land Studies and Environmental Studies, this term.

### World of Work and Independent Living

- In WRL, students will be exploring job opportunities and where to find information about jobs. Year 11 students will have their 1:1 meeting with CSW.
- Please see the options list attached for details of Food Studies, Life Skills, Hospitality, MVS, Multi-Trades, Business Studies and Animal Care.

### Engagement in the Arts

- Engagement in the Arts is delivered through our options curriculum in Upper School. Please see the options list attached for details of Art, Music, Media and Drama this term.

### Real Life Contexts

- Our context this term is **The Community**.
- We will be doing lots of learning outside including caring for our local environment.
- We will be attending trips linked to our options subjects.