

# EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

## UPPER SCHOOL OPTIONS – AUTUMN TERM 2024

This term students will start their new options lessons and start the course work units for their WJEC Entry Pathways qualifications.

### Engagement in the Arts

**Art (Double): 'Graphic Design'** - Students will develop and refine their existing art skills creating sketchbook work. They will then complete a graphics project designing promotional material and learn how to evaluate their own artwork as well as studying other artists.

**Art (Single): 'Photography'** - Students will develop and refine their photography skills and study a range of techniques and others artist's work. They will then complete a photo story board on their chosen topic and use the new techniques and genres.

**Drama: 'Using the Voice in a Dramatic Context'** - Students will develop their vocal skills to show different emotions and play a range of different characters. Students will create both small and large group performances devising their own plays. Students will also work towards whole school performances including a pantomime.

**Music: 'Solo Music Performance'** - Students will learn to perform solos using different instruments including their voices and appraise their work. There will be opportunities to perform to an audience if they would like to.

**Media: 'Exploring Film Genre'** – Students will be looking at different aspects of film genres. At the end of the unit students will start to plan a film or trailer of their own.

### Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

**Environmental Studies: 'Threatened Ecosystems'** – Students will learn to recognise the natural environment, to know that it is fragile, can be endangered and that it needs to be protected.

**Humanities: 'A non-British Society in the Past'** – Students will study of a short period of non-British history focusing on a specific society. Students will be taught about similarities and differences between past and present and be encouraged to use historical sources to find out about this society.

**Land Studies 'Introduction to Land Maintenance'** - Students will learn to identify and use garden tools safely. They will design and maintain their own area of the school garden and grow some of their own produce.

## World of Work and Independent Living

**Animal Care: 'Introduction to Animal Care'**- Students will gain the skills and understanding of the basic requirements of caring for an animal. Students will use the school farm to care for a range of different animals.

**Business Studies: 'Working as part of a group'**- Students will work together to set up their own companies. Students will carry out given tasks when working with others and assign themselves roles within the company.

**Food Studies: 'Food and Health'** – Students will be looking at government nutritional guidelines, planning menus for a range of dietary needs and looking at healthy eating.

**Hospitality: 'Introduction to the Hospitality Industry'** Students will have a general introduction to the hospitality industry, basic service skills, jobs and roles within the industry.

**Life Skills: 'Personal Safety in the Home and Community'**- Students will develop an understanding of personal safety in the home and the community.

**Multi-Trades: 'Designing and Modelling, and Health and Safety'** - Students will use the facilities at Petroc College to design and make a product out of wood. Students will also be learning the key health and safety aspects of using a workshop and tools.

**MVS: 'Motor Vehicle Power'** - Students will be using the facilities at Petroc College and at Lampard Community School to understand the operating principles of the motor vehicle and the basic skills in examining them.

## Mathematics and Science

**Science: 'Variation and Adaptation'** Students will learn to understand how organisms are adapted to their environment and how the diversity of organisms in an environment can be protected

## Personal Development and Physical Literacy

**PE: 'Individual or Partner Activities'** – Students will develop a range of physical skills required to play an individual or partner activity. The sport that will be covered is badminton.

*\*Some subjects will send out additional letters to detail what students will need to wear/ bring to their options. All specialist equipment is provided by school.*