

EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

UPPER SCHOOL OPTIONS – SPRING TERM 2025

This term, students will continue their options lessons and start the next units towards their WJEC Entry Pathways qualifications.

Engagement in the Arts

Art (Double): Present an Art & Design Evaluation- Students will prepare and present an evaluation of a piece of personal Art & Design work.

Art (Single): Art & Design – Printmaking- Students will be developing the skills and knowledge to explore and develop outcomes in the discipline of print making.

Drama: Contributing to a Dramatic improvisation- Students will work in groups to contribute to an improvised or devised piece of drama based on a variety of stimuli.

Music: Composing Music - Students will be learning the skills required to compose a variety of pieces in different styles using the instruments and/or Garage Band.

Media: Creating an Audio-Visual Sequence - Based on the work of their previous unit, students plan, shoot and edit their own short film.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

Environmental Studies: The Ethics of Food production and the consumer - Students will look at how the transport of food affects the environment and how ethical retailing, and consumer choices can help to reduce negative environmental impacts.

Humanities: A British Society in the Past (History) - Students will learning about Saxon Britain.

Land Studies: An Introduction to Plant Care - Students will continue to use the school garden to explore and understand the requirements of plants for healthy growth. They will learn how to care for plants and produce a food/flower crop.

World of Work and Independent Living

Animal Care: Introduction to Animal Care- Students will continue to develop the skills and understanding of the basic requirements of caring for different animals. Students will use the school farm as well as have opportunities to visit a working farm.

Business Studies: Exploring Business and Enterprise - Students will continue to work together to run their own companies. Students will learn about different types of businesses and enterprises and the products and services they provide.

Food Studies: Basic Cooking - This term we will be practicing our basic cooking skills while preparing a range of dishes including curry, pizza and stir fry.

Hospitality: Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry - Students will learn the importance of good customer service and how to serve customers. Students will have a range of opportunities to gain practical experience of this.

Life Skills: Planning a journey- Students will learn to develop the skills and understanding of how to plan and undertake a journey safely within the community. We will be catching a bus to a familiar place as part of this.

Multi-Trades: Designing and Modelling, and Health and Safety- Students will continue to 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 continue to use 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: Working with Electrical Circuits - Students will be learning about working safely with electricity and building our own circuits using circuit diagrams. Students will also be looking at jobs that involve working with electricity.

Personal Development and Physical Literacy

PE: Physical Education: Adventurous Activities – Students will be learning how to prepare safely for an adventurous activity; perform different adventurous activities in a local outdoor centre; and make decisions for successful completion of an adventurous activity.