

# EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

## UPPER SCHOOL OPTIONS - AUTUMN TERM

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:** 'Painting and Drawing'- Students will develop their art skills focussing on a different technique each session to refine their painting and drawing skills.

**Drama:** 'Using the Body in a Dramatic Context' - Students will learn to use their bodies to communicate actions and emotions. Students will have the opportunity to perform in each lesson.

**Music:** 'Ensemble Music'- Students will be learning different songs and playing or singing as a group. Students will have the opportunity to perform to an audience.

**Media:** 'Exploring Advertising'- Students will look at different advertising and plan an advert of their own using different media.

### Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

**Environmental Studies:** 'Environmental Awareness'- Students will be making a film about protecting the environment. They will be learning about what is good and bad in the environment and think about what is important to them.

**Humanities:** 'Historical Change over Time' Students will look at how key events over time have changed the role of women in society such as the suffragettes.

**Land Studies/ Life Skills:** '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. There will be additional chances to learn basic life skills in addition to this.

### World of Work and Independent Living

**Animal Care:** 'Introduction to Animal Care'- The first group of Animal Care students will visit a working farm each Friday and learn how to look after different farm animals such as pigs, goats, chickens and horses. (\*OFF SITE- separate letter to follow)

**Business Studies:** 'Working as Part of Group' - Students will work as a team to set up their own businesses and learn specific skills about business.

**Child Care:** 'An introduction to Child Care' - Students will look at the roles, duties and qualifications needed to work in the childcare industry.

**Food Studies:** 'Health, Safety and Hygiene'- Students will learn about hygiene and how to keep safe in the kitchen. Students will learn how to cook lots of exciting meals safely.

**Hair and Beauty:** 'Maintaining Healthy Hair'- This unit aims to enable learners to acquire a basic knowledge and understanding of hair care. Students will have the opportunity to visit different salons.

**Multi-Trades:** 'Planning' and 'Making a product'- Students will use the facilities at Petroc to design and make their own product. They will get to experience a range of different skills and trades that are available. (**\*OFF SITE- dates TBC- separate letter to follow**)

**MVS:** 'Motor Vehicle Maintenance'- Students will use the facilities at Petroc to learn basic car maintenance and understand the importance of regular vehicle checks. (**\*OFF SITE- dates TBC- separate letter to follow**)

## Mathematics and Science

**Science:** 'Science and the Human Body' Students will learn about different body systems and about how to stay healthy.

## Personal Development and Physical Literacy

**PE:** 'Individual or Partner Activities' - The aim of this unit is to enable students to develop a range of physical skills required to play an individual or partner activity.

### **PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD (PFA)**

Each term students are allocated to a group for Preparation for Adulthood depending on their specific needs and EHCP outcomes. This course focuses on four key areas: employment, independent living, community inclusion and health. The groups are: Work Skills, Everyday Living, Money Matter and Healthy Living. We will be using modules from ASDAN's Living Independently Course.