



EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

Upper School - Autumn Term 2021

English, Language and Communication

- Speaking, Listening and Communication (SLC) lessons will focus on developing the student's skills using physical and mental health 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.

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 this term.

Personal Development and Physical Literacy

- In ICT we will learn to: set up the computing workspace safely; use email confidentially; and search and present information purposefully.
- 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 the focus will be on healthy living and fitness. Students will make choices about the physical activities they would like to participate in. The choices this term is creative activities, competitive sports, fitness, bikes and walking.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- In RE this term we will be asking the question, should Christians be greener than everyone else? We will look at the creation story and think about how we can help to look after the world
- Please see the options list attached for details of Humanities, Land Studies/Life Skills and Environmental Studies, this term.

World of Work and Independent Living

- In WRL students will be focussing on the ASDAN Employability unit 'Exploring Job Opportunities'. We will look at where to look for jobs and who can support us. This will include meetings with CSW.
- Please see the options list attached for details of Food Studies, Child Care, Hair & Beauty, MVS, Multi-Trades, Business Studies and Animal Care.

Engagement in the Arts

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

Real Life Contexts

- Our context this term is Healthy Living Fitness.
- We will be doing lots of learning outside including caring for our local environment.
- We will be attending trips linked to our options subjects.
- We will focus on our leadership skills by supporting the younger students.