

Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'All About Me', here are some related signs for you to practice.

Respect

Understanding

Listening

Taking Turns

Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Amethyst
Class
Information
for parents

Term 5



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Our Theme this Term: Listening To Me

Regular events:

Thursday: Preparation for Adulthood small group activities both on and off-site. These could include the local and wider communities.

Options - each student will have chosen the activity they would like to do every Thursday. If your child has chosen an outdoor activity, please ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing is brought in each week.

Friday: PE Enrichment (pm) - Students have chosen different pathways for their PE Enrichment this term, with the majority choosing swimming at Cascades Leisure Centre and cycling at Cyclopark. Others are continuing with Art and visiting the Park for a healthy walk.

General Information

The students have settled well and are enjoying their learning. Our Class is on both 'discover' and 'innovate' pathways, so we use a range of learning approaches to ensure every student is as successful as they can be. We look forward to seeing parents at Annual Review meetings across the coming months.

Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals, the comments we receive are really helpful. Reading or sharing a book with your child every night will really improve their literacy. Please, also ensure that they have the appropriate clothing (with name label) for activities. Hopefully you are all able to access Evidence for Learning to see what work students have been completing.

English

Students will continue to develop their spoken and written communication and will be working towards their Functional Skills qualifications. Most students have taken their written and reading exams and this term we will be focusing on the Speaking and Listening component of the exam.

Students will be reading their choice of book or magazine to improve their literacy skills.

We will continue to improve our spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout this term and looking at the different ways in which we can review and improve our work independently, including using a wider range of vocabulary and using our prefixes and suffixes correctly.

Qualification Work

All of our students will be nearing completion of their respective ASDAN units within the Employability route. We will also be working towards qualifications in English and Maths Functional Skills, with further opportunities towards taking exams in May.

Maths

During our Maths lessons we will be following the Edexcel Functional Skills pathway at levels from Entry level 1 up to Level 1

This term we are looking at projects relating to trips and therefore this will include looking at budgeting and distance and time.

We will also be revising time again this term. The students will be using both analogue and digital, so it would be helpful if you can work on time at home with your children. Even if it is just asking them what the time is.



Enrichment

We are offering students the choice between the Cyclopark, swimming, music or an art enrichment activity based at Sixth Form or a visit to a local park on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your young person brings the appropriate clothing & footwear.

Developing Independence

We will be looking at our skills in the office and preparing for life skills like interviews and applying for jobs. There are very close links to Preparing for Adulthood and Enterprise lessons this term and all of these subjects will contribute to our ASDAN portfolios.

Options

Students choose and study one of the following options:

Hair and Beauty, Performing Arts, Horticulture, Catering, or Challenger Troop (survival skills and resilience) and Music



Preparing for Adulthood

This subject encompasses many of the subjects we will be learning about this term, including Preparing for Adulthood, Food Technology, PE Enrichment, Enterprise and Careers. We also use this work in our ASDAN Portfolios, especially on a Tuesday morning.



Digital Skills:



Digital skills for Term 5 will involve Yr 14 students taking their Functional Skills exam in Digital Literacy. We will be learning how to complete online tasks related to navigating the internet and adjusting system settings.

RSE/PSHE (Relationships and Sex Education/Personal, Social and Health Education):

We will be looking at how we develop, maintain and manage social relationships. We will learn how to interact with others in everyday situations and how certain behaviours can impact on those around us. We will also learn about those in our community that help us and how we can access this help appropriately and effectively. This work will contribute directly to our ASDAN portfolio (Managing Social Relationships and Dealing with Problems in Daily Life).

Enterprise

During our Enterprise lessons we will be learning about a range of awareness events, celebrations, saint's days and major sporting events.

Students will also have the opportunity to make a range of items connected to different celebrations and key events including the 6th Form Yr 14 leavers party

