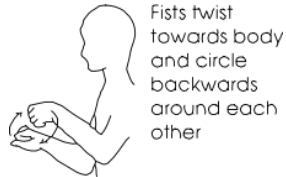


Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Healthy Mind', here are some related signs for you to practice.

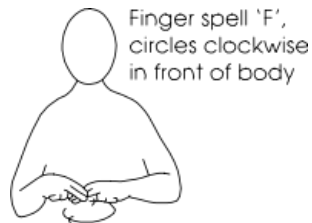
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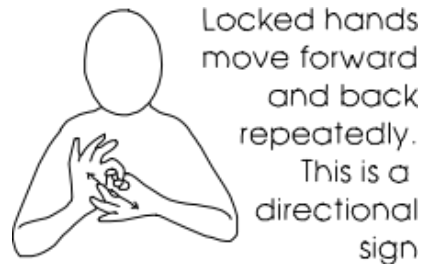
Friends



Family



Relationships



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



Amethyst Class Information for parents

Term 1



Class Teacher and TAs

Alan Buchanan (Teacher)
Julie Deawn (Teacher-Wednesdays)
Karen Brown (TALL)
Karen Heather (TA)
Debbie Ruth (TA)

Our Theme this Term: Healthy Mind

Regular events:

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

Options - Student have chosen they would subject linked to Careers to study on Thursdays. If your child has chosen an outdoor activity, please ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing is brought in each week.

Friday: Enrichment (pm) - All students are given a choice of activities including art, music, gym, park or golf. The emphasis here is on well-being and enjoyment. Please ensure that your child either wears or brings in the appropriate clothing for their chosen activity. Through the year there will be a range of different activities on offer.

General Information

The students have enjoyed the first few days of the new academic year and have settled in well to Amethyst Class and Sixth Form. Our Class is primarily an Employability pathway and we use a range of approaches to suit the needs of each individual in class. We look forward to talking with and meeting all of our new parents across the terms community activities.

Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals. The comments we receive help us to understand and support your young person. Reading or sharing a book or magazine or article of interest with your child every night or as often as possible, will really improve their literacy. Please, also ensure that they have the appropriate clothing (with name label) for activities.

English

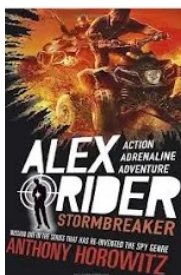
Students will continue to develop their spoken and written communication and will be working towards their ASDAN and English Functional Skills qualifications.

Our core texts will reflect the theme of the term. This term we will be learning how to share and record thoughts and ideas appropriately and how we can improve our use descriptive language.

Daily Reading

We have a whole class reading book from the Alex Rider series called Stormbreaker. Our reading slot is daily after lunch.

Students may also bring their own book to read during this time.



ASDAN

This year students will be studying towards an ASDAN accreditation in Employability. Units covered this year include Communicating with Other at Work, Learning Through Work Experience, Tracking Problems at Work and Enterprise Skills.

Maths

Our Maths curriculum is now focussed on developing Functional Skills as we build towards developing independence.

Students will be studying towards Entry Level 1,2,3 and Level 1 qualifications. Maths lessons take place four times each week. Students sit Functional Skills examination in April if appropriate.



Enrichment

We are offering students the choice of activities on Friday afternoons. The choices are Art, Music, the park, golf (driving range) or the gym. Please ensure that your young person brings the appropriate clothing & footwear.

Work Experience

As we prepare the students on this pathway for future independence including accessing the work place and working towards independent living we ask that all students apply for a bus pass. This means we can provide opportunities for travel training and using public transport with support to access work experience placements. We aim to provide relevant work experience opportunities for students throughout Sixth Form.

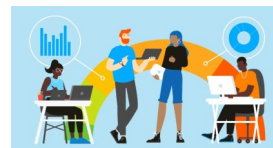
Options

Students choose and study one of the following options: Hair and Beauty, Performing Arts and Media, Horticulture, Catering (Food Wise), or Challenger Troop (survival skills and resilience) and Music.



Preparing for Adulthood

This subject encompasses many of the subjects we will be studying including Food Technology, Enrichment, Enterprise and Careers. We aim to provide a range of opportunities to get out and take part in the local community.



Digital Skills:



Digital skills this term, will involve us researching how we can access appropriate support when necessary.

There is a wealth of information available on the internet and we all need to know what each organisation or website has to offer and how we access it safely.

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

Our focus this term is Healthy Mind and as we settle in to a new academic year and new class for some we are starting the term thinking about strategies that we can use to help us maintain a healthy mind and body to ensure that we can function well and be ready to learn.

Enterprise

Enterprise is one of our ASDAN units. The students will be involved in planning and making items for sale at our termly fayres held at Sixth Form.

