

PSHE EDUCATION INTENT

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The PSHE curriculum aims to produce students who are equipped with life skills which allow them to be fully participating members of a fast-changing British and global society. Using the Cre8tive PSHE curriculum, our students will develop a sense of self-worth and confidence to be the best version of themselves. They will mature into individuals who can think independently and critically, and have the knowledge to make informed choices around their physical, mental, sexual, emotional and economic wellbeing.

The spiral nature of the curriculum allows them to revisit areas and explore them at an age-appropriate level and provides our students with opportunities to reflect on and clarify their values and attitudes, allowing them to engage in a meaningful way with a world where values and attitudes may be complex and at times in direct conflict with their own.

The RSE elements of the curriculum allow our students to understand appropriate behaviours which will help them to develop and maintain healthy relationships. This is an important aspect of PSHE. This may be in the form of working collaboratively in a group or pair to produce possible responses to scenarios that students might encounter in life or reflecting on how they will use their acquired knowledge to make positive choices in their own lives as they move through school.

To embrace the challenges of creating a happy and successful adult life, pupils need knowledge that will enable them to make informed and ethical decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships. High quality, evidence-based teaching of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) can help prepare pupils for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life, and can promote pupils' moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development. Effective teaching will support young people to cultivate positive character traits, including resilience, self-worth, self-respect, honesty, integrity, courage, kindness, and trustworthiness.

PSHE DIFFERENTIATION

In PSHE, we have high learning expectations for all students. It is essential that all our students are challenged to think deeply about the different aspects of PSHE and their rights and responsibilities in respect of being caring, thoughtful and productive individuals. A range of strategies will be used to achieve appropriate levels of differentiation. Students may be given thinking time before being asked questions, sometimes with the opportunity to share their ideas in discussion with a partner or in a small group to improve understanding.

All students will be asked to contribute to lessons, though due to the sensitive nature of some areas of the curriculum, there will be an awareness on the part of the teacher that a student may not wish to share a response with a larger group of their fellow students, and therefore it may at times be appropriate to allow for collecting anonymised responses to share.

Consistent referencing back to earlier learning and linking this to wider society and the modern world will assist students in making sense of how the knowledge and skills they acquire in PSHE apply to real life. Questions will be asked at an appropriate level of challenge for individual students, and where appropriate, students will be encouraged to develop further independent research into different aspects of a particular topic.

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Students with additional needs can also be further supported through scaffolded activities provided in the student work booklets for every unit.

LITERACY & NUMERACY IN PSHE

A shared understanding of particular vocabulary is important in PSHE. A high level of skill in communication is essential when presenting an opinion or point of view, and an understanding that such communication needs to utilize precise, neutral and non-offensive language to convey the intended meaning. Evidence supporting a particular position should be presented in the same way, and topic-specific vocabulary used where appropriate.

In respect of literacy in PSHE you will find every lesson in the curriculum will introduce students to new terminology and this will be highlighted on the first slide of every lesson and will be recorded in the SOW.

Expectations for students following the Cre8tive PSHE Curriculum will be as follows;

- Be able to present an opinion or point of view which is clear in meaning
- Use subject-specific vocabulary in an appropriate context
- Present evidence to support a particular opinion which uses precise, neutral and non-offensive language
- Be able to understand numeral data presented in graphic forms, such as pie charts, bars and other types of graphs
- Be able to calculate percentages and work percentages backwards into original amounts
- Be able to analyse simple statistical information and decide if it meets a standard for statistical significance

Cross-curricular links

Spiritual

- Exploring beliefs and experiences
- Respecting faiths, feelings and values
- Enjoying learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world
- Using imagination and creativity
- Reflecting on own values and beliefs

Moral

- Recognising different ideas of right and wrong, and how these sit with personal moral compasses
- Respecting the law
- Understanding the consequences of actions and behaviours
- Exploring moral and ethical issues
- Offering reasoned viewpoints in concise, neutral and non-offensive language

Social

- Engaging with Fundamental British Values
- Working collaboratively with others
- Linking learning to wider society

Cultural

- Appreciating the role of culture in shaping individual values and opinions
- Understanding, accepting, respecting and celebrating diversity

Fundamental British Values

The unit contained within the themes of Celebrating Diversity and Equality and Rights, Responsibilities and British Values explores all the fundamental British values with a particular focus on democracy.

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Celebrating Diversity and Equality underlines respecting differences through mutual respect, tolerance of those with different beliefs and the right to individual liberty. Individual liberty is also explored in learning about trade unionism and vaccination.

Other Subject areas links

The subjects are part of the basic school curriculum, which allows schools flexibility in developing their planned programme, integrated within a broad and balanced curriculum.

Science

Key Stage 3 and 4, includes teaching about reproduction in humans. For example, the structure and function of the male and female reproductive systems, menstrual cycle, gametes, fertilisation, gestation, birth and HIV/AIDS. Stem cell research and associated ethical considerations.

Business Studies and Economics

Entrepreneurship, Consumer and employment rights, Trade unions and industrial action and the impact on the economy

Sports Studies

Healthy eating, using stress to optimize performance. Health education can complement what is taught through PE by developing core knowledge and a broader understanding that enables people to lead healthy, active lives.

Psychology

Different forms of mental illness, treatments and societal understanding of mental illness.

Computing.

E-safety, with progression in the content to reflect the different and escalating risks that young people face as they get older. This includes how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely, how to keep personal information private, and where to go for help and support.