Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: Learning for Life Year: 11

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Pupils will explore their rights and responsibilities as citizens, while developing the knowledge and skills needed to make informed decisions about their future, relationships, and finances. They will learn about the protections offered by the Equality Act and explore career pathways, employability skills, and future opportunities through the careers programme.

Pupils will examine the importance of healthy relationships, including how relationships change over time, the rights and responsibilities associated with marriage and civil partnerships, and the value of understanding different perspectives. They will learn to recognise unhealthy behaviours such as coercion, control, and grooming, and develop strategies for managing peer pressure and social influences. The course will also help pupils understand how relationships can affect emotional wellbeing and how to manage feelings during periods of change.

In addition, pupils will develop their financial literacy by exploring real-world money management, including budgeting, spending, and making informed financial choices. They will investigate the risks and consequences of gambling and learn how to stay safe and make responsible decisions.

Pupils will also deepen their understanding of democracy, government, and citizenship. They will explore the key features of the UK political system, including Parliament, the constitution, elections, and how citizens can influence decision-making locally, nationally, and internationally. They will compare democratic and non-democratic systems of government and learn about the UK's role within international organisations and the wider world. Through these topics, pupils will be encouraged to become informed, responsible, and active members of society.

Links to National Curriculum

- **Relationships and Sex Education**: healthy relationships, consent, sexual health, intimacy, pregnancy, fertility and parenthood.
- **Mental Wellbeing**: self-esteem, body image, resilience, mental health and accessing support.
- **Physical Health**: healthy lifestyles, alcohol, drugs, cosmetic procedures and personal wellbeing.
- **Keeping Safe**: personal safety, risk management, emergency response and bullying prevention.
- **Online Safety**: online relationships, cyberbullying and responsible digital behaviour.
- **Citizenship and British Values**: democracy, the legal system, community participation and active citizenship.
- **Financial Education**: budgeting, saving, debt and understanding public spending.
- **Rights, Respect and Diversity**: equality, human rights, discrimination, diversity and mutual respect.
- **Preparation for Adult Life**: study skills, careers education and informed decision-making

Knowledge and understanding of this curriculum will be assessed by:

Pupils will be assessed via formative assessment during the lesson through discussions and question and answering.

Pupils will also take part in summative assessment each half term via knowledge quizzes to check their understanding.

Powerful Knowledge/Cultural Capital Opportunities

The content delivered through learning for life is specifically relevant to their age and environment and reflects the lives they will be living in the real world