

Hill House Accreditation Report Academic Year 2020 – 2021

AQA

All students at Hill House have the opportunity to work towards a form of accreditation from AQA. AQA is a Unit Award Scheme (Assessment and Qualifications Alliance) which aims to provide recognition for achievements. It is based on a large number of small units which provide clear targets. It provides external accreditation and also provides opportunities for lifelong learning. Units are based on life skills as well as academic achievements

Students follow a unit for eight weeks. The units can be worked on as a group or by an individual. The unit can be taken from the AQA website or a new unit can be submitted by the school

Students regularly work on Literacy and Numeracy units and also have the opportunity to work on units across all curriculum areas. Units are also implemented as part of planned interventions to support student progress

Each unit has criteria for evidence. The teacher or staff member working on the unit with the student follows the criteria and collects evidence in the form of teacher checklists, photographs, video and worksheets

OCR

The OCR `Life and Living Skills` suite of Entry Level qualifications provide our sixth form students with high quality, nationally recognised qualifications. They are credit-based qualifications that provide valuable opportunities for our students to develop skills, gain underpinning knowledge and understanding. OCR offers the opportunity for our students to progress to higher level units in the suite or to achieve units at the same level, where progression to a higher level is not possible

The qualifications have been designed for both students and mature learners, including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities. Over 140 bite-sized units are available across a wide range of engaging skill areas. Any combination of units, at any level, can be selected to suit the particular needs and interests of the learner. This provides the opportunity to build a rich and varied personalised learning programme for our students in the sixth form. The suite of qualifications contains units suitable for learners working at different stages of the Entry 1 Achievement Continuum. These Foundation Learning qualifications are in the Regulated Qualifications Framework and appear on the Register of Regulated Qualifications

Currently our students in the sixth form have been working on the Entry Level unit of Work "The World of Work"

Achievements throughout 2020 - 2021

Students across the school continued to achieve AQA accreditation at pre - entry level with over 300 AQA awards achieved

Awards included;

PE: Basic gymnastic skills / Circuit training / Yoga

Life skills: Cleaning the Bathroom / Basic Baking with support / Working in a cafe (unit 2) chef role / Cleaning a table top: independently / Basic Health and Safety in the kitchen – personal hygiene

PSHE: Hand washing with prompts and support / Basic health and safety in the kitchen personal hygiene

English: Developing reading skills/ Literacy origins of sentence construction / Responding and listening to a book / Reading commonly used English words (unit 1) / Speaking and listening skills

Thematic Learning: The home front during world war 2

Maths: Time: Days, months and seasons / Mathematics: telling the time / Reading sequences of familiar actions / Maths; matching times on clock / Using scales to weigh items with support / Measure – weights and balance

Arts: Creating a mixed media picture: autumn theme / Producing a home-made Christmas card

All sixth form students in the Hill House college have been able to contribute evidence to their E - portfolios of work towards the OCR `Life and Living Skills` accreditation. These E - portfolios contain evidence of students work towards the `World of Work` unit and include their work - related learning experiences, mini enterprise projects and life skills around the home and college. Going forward we also wish to include units which explore aesthetic appreciation and the performing arts as part of the `Life and Living Skills` curriculum