



Education News

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this letter finds you all well and having had a good summer.

It is really exciting to be back at school and to see the young people return to their classes happy to see their teachers, support staff and peers. Last academic year was unusual and challenging for many of our young people, with lockdowns and restrictions impacting on their usual learning routines. Whilst we are all a bit nervous about the lifting of many Covid restrictions, we are delighted that this means more opportunities for our young people to access a wider range of community activities and events now.

We are fortunate to live in such a fantastic town which lends itself beautifully to being able to support the students with their learning, both on site and out in the community. We have already seen our young people accessing the library, shops and market, the beach, parks and playgrounds. We are particularly pleased to have sessions booked again at the stables for some of our young people, as well as a weekly private hire session at the local swimming pool. This term we are also beginning to reconnect with community groups and providers for work experience, which has been much missed during the pandemic.

This month we are excited to be involved in a Sensory Installation Workshop funded by the Arts Council which is being held at the Mowlem Theatre. The PVS education and therapy teams are in consultation with the organisers at the Mowlem and professionals at Reading University who are designing this installation with our student's sensory profiles at the centre of their planning. The students will be visiting the Mowlem on the 30th September to participate in the workshop.

As it is the beginning of a new academic year we want to update you on our teaching team and the classes they are leading this year. We also want to share with you the themes and topics for this term and inform you know some of the events that will be happening throughout the term. You should have all received the email detailing your child's class team and by now teachers will have called you to introduce themselves. This

year we have 5 classes, plus an additional teacher and two senior teaching assistants who support across the key stages. We have welcomed Luke Gibson our new teaching assistant who will be working alongside the Endeavour 2 team. Luke has worked at Purbeck View previously so knows the school well. Our regular supply teacher Clare, who has been with us for many years, is graduating next week having completed her PHD in Autism. We are very proud of her and will certainly be making the most of her wealth of knowledge and experience this term.

<p>Endeavour 1 Class Key Stage 5 Tutor - Sharon Doherty</p> 	<p>Endeavour 2 Class Key Stage 5 Teacher - Amy Lee</p> 	<p>Discovery Class Key Stage 4 and 5 Teacher – Marina Horrocks</p> 
<p>Willow Class Key Stage 2 and 3 Teachers - Sarah Hardy and Alison Kent</p>  		<p>Invincible Class Key Stages 2,3 and 4 Teacher – Nikki Hole</p> 
<p>Enterprise Lead and teacher for KS 4 and 5 Ben Allenby</p>  <p>Ben takes the lead in our Enterprise Hub and supports across KS 4 and 5 classes delivering Enterprise based learning. He also runs our school council.</p>		<p>Senior Teaching Assistants Helen Officer and Lou Norman</p>   <p>Helen supports in Endeavour 2 with bespoke learning programmes and is the lead for our Eco schools award and Environmental Studies. Lou delivers mindfulness sessions for a number of our young people and works in our Enterprise Hub alongside Ben.</p>

The students are already actively engaged in their Autumn term themes and topics. In our Key Stage 2 and 3 classes the topic is World Faiths. This is an exciting theme and offers opportunities for the young people to explore the traditions, music, language, art, food, stories and cultures relating to the main world religions.

In Key Stage 4 and 5 the themes are planned under the four strands of the students EHCPs as follows..

Communication

The theme this term is Myths and Legends. The young people will be exploring a range of stories, from local legends to the more famous Greek and Roman Myths. There will be opportunities to develop reading and writing skills as well and having lots of fun learning through drama and role play.

Cognition

Students will be studying a module on money and shopping skills. This is obviously a great life skill and one that will benefit all our young people in their preparation for adulthood. All the students will be supported to practice their money skills in as many practical ways as possible.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

The theme for this strand is Everyday Choices. This broad and exciting module supports students to develop their skills in making personal choices and communicating their preferences for leisure activities, food, events, trips, music, TV programmes, sport etc. Through this module teachers will be able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of our young people's preferences and in turn be able to support them to engage in activities and learning opportunities that make them feel happy and successful.

Physical/Sensory

During this module students will explore the work of a number of famous artists and will participate in art-based activities around this theme. Teachers will be choosing a range of artists to study and ensure that student choices are taken into consideration. Students will be encouraged to communicate their preferences and identify common similarities and differences.

As well as our classroom themes we also have assemblies each week which focus on a variety of festivals, awareness days and national events. We also follow the Rights Respecting themes and award 'Star of the Week' certificates to students in assembly who have demonstrated some of these respectful actions. See below for this term's themes.

Week beginning	Assembly theme	Star of the Week Theme
6.9.21	International Literacy Day 8 th September	Sharing Information
13.9.21	British Food Fortnight 18 th Sept – 3 rd October	Never Giving Up
20.9.21	European Day of Languages 26 th sept	Helping Others
27.9.21	Black History Month (October)	Staying safe
4.10.21	National Poetry day- 7 th October	Taking Responsibility for Myself
11.10.21	International school Library Month – October	Good Citizen
2.11.21	Diwali starts 4 th November	Supporting Others
8.11.21	Remembrance Day 11 th November	Being Kind
15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week	Making My Voice Heard
22.11.21	Hanukkah	Listening to Others
29.11.21	Tree Dressing Day	Sharing Ideas
6.12.21	Human Rights Day 10 th	Showing Respect
13.12.21	Christmas	Good Citizen

We hope this information is helpful to you all. We know how important it is for you to be kept informed as to what is happening in school. We will continue to send out monthly newsletters throughout the year.

You can also look forward to hearing about all the above learning experiences through the weekly newsletters sent out by teachers each week. If you are having difficulty receiving these, please do let us know.

There will be a parent questionnaire heading its way to you shortly so do please take the time to complete this. We will also be circulating the list of student meetings and reviews for this academic year. These include a parent's evening in November which will be an on-line meeting for parents, house managers and teachers to meet to discuss student progress.

Finally, just a very gentle reminder that as we are adjusting to more 'normal times' (fingers crossed) please ensure you complete an absence request form should you need to take your child out of school for any reason during term time. This should be requested only in exceptional circumstances. This form can be requested from the office.

Please do contact us either by phone or email at any time to discuss your child's wellbeing, learning and progress.

Many thanks and Warm wishes

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