

YEAR 8 – MEDIUM-TERM OVERVIEW

Half term	Topic	In this unit of work, students learn...
Autumn 1 Health & wellbeing	Drugs and alcohol Alcohol and drug misuse and pressures relating to drug use PoS refs: H23, H24, H25, H26, H27, H29, H31, H5, R42, R44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • about medicinal and reactional drugs • about the over-consumption of energy drinks • about the relationship between habit and dependence • how to use over the counter and prescription medications safely • how to assess the risks of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine and e-cigarettes • how to manage influences in relation to substance use • how to recognise and promote positive social norms and attitudes
Autumn 2 Living in the wider world	Community and careers Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices, and different types and patterns of work PoS refs: R39, R41, L3, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • about equality of opportunity in life and work • how to challenge stereotypes and discrimination in relation to work and pay • about employment, self-employment and voluntary work • how to set aspirational goals for future careers and challenge expectations that limit choices
Spring 1 Relationships	Discrimination Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, religious discrimination, disability, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia PoS refs: R39, R40, R41, R3, R4, R42, R43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to manage influences on beliefs and decisions • about group-think and persuasion • how to develop self-worth and confidence • about gender identity, transphobia and gender-based discrimination • how to recognise and challenge homophobia and biphobia • how to recognise and challenge racism and religious discrimination

<p>Spring 2 Health & wellbeing</p>	<p>Emotional wellbeing Mental health and emotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies</p> <p>PoS refs: H3, H4, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H12, L24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • about attitudes towards mental health • how to challenge misconceptions stigma • about daily wellbeing • how to manage emotions • how to develop digital resilience • about unhealthy coping strategies (e.g. self harm and eating disorders) • about healthy coping strategies
<p>Summer 1 Relationships</p>	<p>Identity and relationships Gender identity, sexual orientation, consent, 'sexting', and an introduction to contraception</p> <p>PoS refs: H35, H36, R4, R5, R10, R16, R18, R24, R25, R26, R27, R29, R30, R32</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the qualities of positive, healthy relationships • how to demonstrate positive behaviours in healthy relationships • about gender identity and sexual orientation • about forming new partnerships and developing relationships • about the law in relation to consent • that the legal and moral duty is with the seeker of consent • how to effectively communicate about consent in relationships • about the risks of 'sexting' and how to manage requests or pressure to send an image • about basic forms of contraception, e.g. condom and pill
<p>Summer 2 Living in the wider world</p>	<p>Digital literacy Online safety, digital literacy, media reliability, and gambling hooks</p> <p>PoS refs: H3, H30, H32, R17, L19, L20, L21, L22, L23, L24, L25, L26, L27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • about online communication • how to use social networking sites safely • how to recognise online grooming in different forms, e.g. in relation to sexual or financial exploitation, extremism and radicalisation • how to respond and seek support in cases of online grooming • how to recognise biased or misleading information online • how to critically assess different media sources • how to distinguish between content which is publicly and privately shared • about age restrictions when accessing different forms of media and how to make responsible decisions • how to protect financial security online • how to assess and manage risks in relation to gambling and chance-based transactions