











## Curriculum Information for Priestley Learning Group

### Autumn 2024

<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>In English this term, we will be exploring the requirements to complete our Functional Skills qualifications and begin looking at the GCSE English Language specification. We will start with working towards our Speaking and Listening component and then explore our reading and writing components.</p> <p>Throughout the week, we will continue to read during our DEAR sessions and explore VIPERS of certain texts. In addition, we will engage in group discussions and have healthy debates about current and political topics.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>This term, the Priestley students will be working towards a Functional Skills qualification in Maths and introducing GCSE topics for the upper school pathway. There will be opportunities to complete some Entry Level work.</p> <p>We will be starting with a focus on number by revising place value and algebra. Throughout the week, we will continue to focus on problem-solving skills using worded problems and exam-style questions and will develop exam skills by practicing a range of working methods.</p> <p>We will also be looking at statistics and develop our understanding of how to construct and analyse different charts and graphs.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>This term, our Priestley students will be working towards achieving their AQA Entry Level Science award. Over the next term, they will be revisiting all things Chemistry, Biology and Physics and will consolidate previously learnt topics in preparation of their assessments.</p> <p>Looking forward to next year, in January, Priestley will begin working towards studying for their GCSE Biology qualification.</p>
<p><b>Entry Level History</b></p> 	<p>This year, students in Priestley will be studying Entry Level History. They will be introduced to the topics required to achieve an Entry Level Certificate in History and develop the skills required to achieve the qualification. Students will be able to apply their knowledge of chronology and ability to look at historical sources.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development &amp; Healthy Lifestyles</b></p> 	<p>In Physical Development and Healthy Lifestyles our topics are Badminton and Football. In badminton, we will be exploring the technique of serving and how we can use the serve as an advantage throughout game situations. Students will practice and execute the different range of shots within badminton, incorporating them into competitive matches. In football we will be focusing on individual control of the football, dribbling, short passing, incorporating these skills into competitive small sided games.</p> <p><b>Our PD&amp;HL Day is: Tuesday</b></p>
<p><b>RSHE/PSHE</b></p> 	<p>In RSHE/PSHE, we will be looking at Health and Wellbeing this term. We will look at challenges faced during adolescence, reframing negative thinking and how to promote mental health and emotional wellbeing.</p>

	Throughout this topic, we will explore the signs of emotional and mental ill-health and ways in which we can access support and treatment.
<p><b>Design Technology/Hospitality and Catering</b></p> 	<p>The students will work towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Level 2 Award in Skills for life Woodworking skills.</li> <li>• Entry level 3 Award and Certificate in Hospitality.</li> </ul> <p>As part of their work towards entry level, students will be making a photo frame, using the woodworking skills they have already learnt building on more advanced skills. In Hospitality and Catering, students will work on the unit cleaning and storing cutlery and crockery, which will enable us to learn how to use our catering space professionally.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p> 	<p>Priestley students will be accessing ICT at Go Educate to work towards achieving a BTEC in Information and Creative Technology. This is a fantastic qualification which the students can achieve to help them as they move towards their future.</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Learning</b></p> 	<p>In outdoor learning we are starting our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Students will be looking at the four different sections of the DofE requirements which are volunteering , physical skills and expedition. We will focus on recognising packing the correct kit for expeditions and recognise what is required. Students will also have the opportunity to partake in a variety of adventurous activities to build confidence and build on their knowledge of safety.</p> <p><b>Our outdoor learning day is: Friday</b></p>
<p><b>Art and Design</b></p> 	<p>In art lessons, students will be learning about formal elements of art and design and practising skills. They will learn about great artists and create artwork in a 'pop art' style. Students will develop their creativity and techniques to improve their mastery of art and design skills.</p> <p>This year, students will be creating artwork that will contribute to their GCSE art qualification.</p>