

Cedar Newsletter Autumn 1 Term 2023-24



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Upcoming Diary Dates:

10th October -

Art and Textiles group trip to Houghton Hall Sean Scully exhibition



General Class News:

We are excited to welcome the pupils to Cedar class and look forward to supporting them with their transition into KS4. The children are beginning their preparation for their core subject exams and will also begin to work on the evidence for their AQA option courses.

Carol Gilman and Matt Chadwick are Cedar form teachers and Sheena Waters is our TA.

You will notice the students have all been given a student planner with lots of useful information. They can keep track of important dates, such as trips and exams. Please use the contact pages to keep us informed of anything you would like us to know.

Maths

Pupils are following the Entry Level and Level 1 Edexcel Maths qualification. This term we work on, ordering numbers, fractions, patterns, properties of 2D shapes, symmetry and the four operations of number.

English

The pupils will begin their Entry Level Certificate in English by reading stories from 'The World's Worst Children' by David Walliams. They will be reading the stories and practising reading and writing activities to develop their comprehension skills. They will also be learning spelling and grammar to help improve their writing skills. time.

RSHE

Our first theme of Self Awareness sees us focus on personal strengths and developing selfesteem. We will also consider how goal setting can help develop skills for learning. The pupils will focus on identifying and strategies for if someone is feeling unwell or frightened and worried. We will also consider what to do in emergency situations.

Science

Pupils will learn about matter, atoms and elements. They will be working towards one of their units for their entry level science award. The pupils will take part in practical and theory based sessions to produce their own experiments on this topic.

PE

The pupils will be playing Tag Rugby and Football with the aim of developing their confidence to ask and answer questions in group discussions when asked. Also, improve skills such as more consistently knowing when to either pass, run or take a shot/score with the ball under pressure and be able to recall at least three rules about an invasion game.

Other subjects:

Duke of Edinburgh—Helping the community;

Computer science—keeping safe online and cyber security;

Independent Living—jobs and careers.

The children have begun their various options groups - construction, art, food, art and textiles and sports leaders.

Any other useful information

If you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at

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