

6th Form 1

Dear Parents ,

Hello, welcome to the Autumn term 2017.

In this letter you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support learning at home. 6th Form 1 learners write their weekly timetable in a personal diary that will come home with them daily. Below we have identified skills we will focus on to provide guidance and support to learners across the timetable. In order to consolidate knowledge, build confidence and develop independence skills across the 6th Form.

What we will do in 6th Form ...

What students could be encouraged to do at home...?

PSHE and Life Skills

This term we will familiarise ourselves with the local area using local facilities. All learners will be responsible for their environment and will be encouraged to keep all areas clean and tidy. This will involve developing a variety of skills using appliances and products. We will also continue to promote a healthy life style during community tasks and P.E.

- put away school bag/ coat
- make own bed
- prepare and pack own lunch
- wash and dry up
- help around the home
- pack own gym bags
- encourage walking

Functional Literacy

Transferring literacy skills into everyday life for some includes interacting verbally within the community and using a student diary or using signs and symbols to help develop listening and communication skills alongside a daily timetable. Both support individual learners to develop a greater understanding of their world outside the classroom.

Please ask your child to share their diary or communication book with you and encourage them to check it daily for equipment they may need. Reinforce key words on products and household equipment. When out in the community read signs together and share information to encourage familiarity inclusion and confidence.

Functional Numeracy

We will be focusing on money, time, and number in a variety of lessons along with developing personal targets taking part in activities within the classroom and the community. Helping to promote a greater understanding of value, responsibility and independence.

- recognising coins
- exchanging coins and waiting for change
- shopping within a budget
- using cash to buy items and checking change
- students who have their own bank accounts to use a cash point safely.

Vocational Skills

Horticulture- Maintaining, cultivating and harvesting grown produce at allotment to sell at Waitrose Oakgrove.

Work related learning- student office, Tesa, RSPCA, local community, decorating project, maintenance of vehicles and building repairs.



Please ask your child to share with you information and skills they will have learnt from these subjects. Any opportunities within the home to further these skills would be of great benefit.

Functional ICT

Using ICT for a purpose to research and develop skills in publisher and Microsoft Word to create a project relating to personal interest. Using interactive maps and self-service checkouts in the community to develop confidence and independence skills.



- Using price comparison websites to check prices
- Using ICT for a purpose
- Using self- checkouts in stores
- Read together and discuss safety information on the www.ceop.police.uk website.

Travel Training/ Community skills

During this term we will be using local transport, walking around the local area, and on occasions using the minibus. All of these modes of transport will be used to further develop individual travelling skills. Central Milton Keynes offers a variety of learning opportunities within a safe and secure environment.



If your child could be encouraged to take notice of their environment and certain routes they may walk or travel. Ask questions related to a journey or a recent shopping trip where stores or items brought could be recalled or cost remembered. Any opportunities to use public transport will also help support your child's travel training.



We are pleased to be able to include Bletchley Leisure Centre within the 6th form timetable this term. Not only is it an enjoyable way to stay fit and healthy, but a number of life skills will be developed alongside. Regrettably we need to ask for a weekly voluntary contribution of £3.00 for this activity. For this students will be able to access the swimming pool and the gym, both areas are supported at all times by staff. Please contact myself on 07946596116 should you have any enquires or questions related to the term ahead.

Della, and the 6th Form team.