

6th Form

Dear Parent,

Hello, welcome to the spring term. In this flyer 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 learners write their timetable in a personal diary or staff write daily activities in individual communication books. Below we have identified skills we will focus on to provide guidance and support to learners. In order to consolidate knowledge, build confidence and develop independence skills across the Post 16 department.

What we will do in 6th Form ...

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

PSHE and Life Skills

We will continue to use the local area to enable all learners to further develop their confidence and self-esteem. All students are encouraged to clean and tidy their learning environment. We will be introducing some new life skills, sorting clothes, using a washing machine along with some ironing. This will involve developing a variety of skills using new appliances and products safely. Using the local leisure centre and surrounding areas to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

- put away school bag/ coat
- make own bed/tidy room
- prepare and pack own lunch
- wash/ dry up/empty dishwasher
- sort clothes washing into groups using a washing machine
- pack own gym bags
- encourage physical activities
- putting up/down an ironing board
- using an iron safely

Functional Literacy

Transferring literacy skills into everyday life includes interacting within the community, alongside class based work. Reading information and symbols to support understanding and develop independence. Opportunities for communication in different environments enable students to transfer learnt skills. Students continue to further their communication skills in shops, cafes and leisure services i.e. library, leisure centre.

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 for sixth form. Encourage them to write in their diary any information they need to share. 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.

Vocational Skills

Moulton- Cookery on a Wednesday.
Horticulture-Harvesting grown produce at allotment. Planning and developing a herb garden at the Sixth Form Base
Work related learning- student office, DIY skills, Tesa, stock inventory.

Please ask your child to share with you information and skills they will have learnt within these subjects. Help your child to answer and make phone calls, or make a note of important information or messages they need to relay. Discuss herbs used in cooking or other vegetables that we can grow.

Functional Numeracy

We will be consolidating skills on understanding money, time management, and measuring in a variety of lessons and activities within the classroom and the community. To promote a greater understanding of value and responsibility, students are encouraged to be responsible for their own wallets, money and for monitoring their own time. Using timetables to work out journey times.



- Being responsible for own time management
- comparing prices of different brands in shops
- checking change has been given correctly
- Students who have their own bank cards to use them safely
- Carry own money and bank cards
- Weighing out ingredients for cooking
- Journey times on transport

Functional ICT

Using ICT for a purpose; *to research items for the sixth form base we need to purchase (microwave, mini oven, washing machine) *Create sixth form information booklet.* Use self-service checkouts in the community. *Use self-scanner to borrow books at the library



- Using price comparison websites to check prices
- Using self-checkouts in stores
- Discuss safe use of the internet and see the www.ceop.police.uk website.

Community skills/Travel Training

We will be starting to independently look for books of personal interest in the library, and use public transport to further develop individual travelling skills. We continue to use bus number 1 from Bletchley to a variety of places on its route. Newport Pagnell offers the opportunity to become more focused and confident in using a bus in addition to a variety of different shops to consolidate community skills.



Encouraged to take notice of their environment and certain routes they may walk or travel will greatly assist your child to focus on the activity. Asking questions related to a journey or a recent shopping trip where stores or items brought could be recalled will highlight to your child the importance of trying to focus in any given situation. Any opportunities to use public transport will also help support your child's travel training.



Bletchley leisure centre continues to be a favourite with everyone and we are pleased to be able to include it within the 6th form timetable again this term. Regrettably we will need to continue to ask for a voluntary contribution for this activity. Students continue to have access to both pool and gym, and both areas are supported at all times by staff. Please contact the 6th Form department Katie: 01908 371271 or Della 01908 379208 should you have any enquires or questions related to the term ahead.

Della, Katie and the 6th Form team.