

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form 1

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the spring term 2018. In this leaflet you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term. Included are some ways in which you can support learning at home. 6<sup>th</sup> Form 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 at a variety of different levels across the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

### What we will do in 6<sup>th</sup> Form ...

#### PSHE and Life Skills

This term we will continue to use local facilities to buy food to cook for lunch or break, or resources required for our learning area. All learners are encouraged to be responsible for their personal equipment and their learning environment and will be supported to keep all areas of the base clean and tidy. We will also continue to promote positive interactions and relationships, along with a healthy life style within the community and at the local gym.

#### Functional Literacy

Transferring literacy skills into everyday life will include interacting within the community to consolidate learning. This will help to support and encourage individual learners to engage within the community to develop communication and interaction skills. Within the classroom personal targets within all areas of English are focused on and related to subjects' across the timetable.

#### Functional Numeracy

Our focus this term will be area, perimeter and volume as part of our DIY project. To further enhance previously learnt skills practically, we will continue to look at money, time, and number along with individual math targets across the timetable.

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

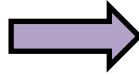
- put away school bag/ coat
- offer a choice - shops- food items
- make own bed
- prepare own breakfast
- make own lunch
- use equipment around the home
- wash and dry up
- help around the home
- pack own gym bags
- remember equipment needed each day

Please ask your child to share their diary or communication book with you and encourage them to check it daily for equipment required. When out in the community encourage independent shopping opportunities, interact with store staff, and share information to encourage familiarity, inclusion and confidence. Discuss current affairs, stories in the news and share opinions to broaden conversation skills.

- recognising and working with measurements and size.
- shopping within a budget
- using money to buy items, work out total cost of items, checking change,
- using cash-points/self-service checkouts

### Vocational Skills

**Horticulture**- allotment-clearing and measuring area to build a shed, maintaining plants, planting spring veg seeds in green house. **Work related learning**- student office, DIY skills, Tesco, RSPCA store, Parks trust, Local Estate agents. **MK College**- retail and catering course



Please share activities within school with your child or read through their diary together. Reinforce skills they will have experienced in all these subjects. Opportunities within the home to further develop any of these skills would be of great benefit for further development.

### Functional ICT

This term we will be exploring the Careers service website to build personal profiles for CV. Along with researching travel times, and information to support project work. We will also continue to use phones, interactive maps and self-service checkouts within the community.



- Using price comparison websites to check prices
- Exploring interactive websites
- Using ICT for a purpose
- Encourage to use IT equipment
- [www.nationalcareerswebite](http://www.nationalcareerswebite)
- Read together and discuss look at safety information on the [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) website.

### Travel Training/ Community skills

During this term students will be using local transport more to further develop skills and provide opportunities for independent travel. We will be traveling to areas outside Milton Keynes on the minibus to enhance and build on confidence in the community and to provide situations to problem solve constructively.



If your child could be encouraged to take notice of their environment and certain routes they may walk or travel. Ask questions, point out areas of interest related to a journey or a recent shopping trip. Any opportunities to use public transport will also help support your child's travel training and community interacting.

### Health and Wellbeing



This term we will be broadening our choices at the local leisure centre, we will still have access to the gym along with some opportunities to play some team sports and use the swimming pool. All activities will be closely monitored at all times and students will be encouraged to be as independent as safely possible while using the different facilities.

Please contact me on 01908379208 or 07946596116 should you have any enquires or questions related to the term ahead.

Della and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team.