

Other parts of the curriculum include:

- **Phonic and Reading** activities. Our focus book is Window by Jeannie Baker
- **PE** Weekly lessons, pupils will be learning to play tennis and cricket, developing co-ordination and team work skills.
- **Science 'Casualty'** - students will learn about what do in an emergency and how to perform CPR. These skills will be reinforced in PSHCE lessons. *Colours and Smells*-Students will learn about pigments and solvents.
- **Forest School** and trips into the community
- **Topic** lessons. Our theme this term is *Environmental Awareness*, focusing on human impact such as the use of plastics, sustainable energy, water conservation and the development of land.
- Weekly **Computing** lessons, raising awareness of safety online and exploring methods of electronic communication.
- **Art** – pupils will work at using a range of media and art techniques to create art works from recycled and found materials.
- **Technology**- pupils will work on designing and creating a diorama project.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 will learn to cook with simple ingredients in different ways so that they can make a healthy light meal.



Kestrel and Eagle Classes

The Thriftwood Code

Show respect

Listen well

Be kind

Work hard

Be friendly

Tell the truth

Look after property

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Summer 2024

LITERACY

During the first half term, we will be using environmental themed books, including *Window* by Jeannie Baker, to develop wider comprehension. During the second half term, students will work on writing their own compositions.

Students will read, listen to and engage with current news articles from a range of sources. We will work on a greater understanding of texts, so that reading may be used as a tool for independent living. They will work to find specific information, which they will discuss with others, explaining what they have found out. Similarly, pupils will develop their writing skills through considering real events and current issues, communicating the written word in a variety of ways.

PSHCE

Weekly sessions. Pupils will learn about healthy choices for mind and body, finding out about body changes during puberty. They will also learn about sex and relationships, contraception and sexual health.

NUMERACY

Pupils will work on functional number skills and use a range of calculation methods. They focus on using money, solving problems involving money and understanding the value of money. They will also measure capacity, length and weight.

At home, or when students are out in the community, please provide opportunities to use money in real life contexts.



END OF SCHOOL EXAMS

This term all Year 9 students will sit school based exams in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests will focus on basic functional skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening, use of numbers, simple calculation and problem solving. The standard of achievement is within Entry Levels 1 and 2. No special preparation is needed, as pupils have already been working throughout the year on the skills being tested and will have many opportunities to practise their skills. Everyone will be presented with a certificate of achievement

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

The students will make regular visits to the college site to experience lessons and other activities. School staff and college staff will work together to support all students to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. There will be meetings for parents to be involved in this process, which we urge you to attend so that you are fully informed.

Fundamentals For the Future (FFF)

Year 9 will continue to find out about occupations and lifestyle choices, beginning to make informed, realistic decisions about life beyond school. We will focus on a range of life skills to enhance independence.

Out of school trips, relating to the world of work, will also take place. Visits to Galleywood Market and local shops will provide opportunities to use money in a practical setting and to observe customer service interactions. It would be helpful if pupils have a small amount of money, **no more than £3**, so that they can select the correct coins for their purchases.

The skills taught in these sessions are relevant for an independent adult life and strong skills in the college and workplace. They form the minimum expectation of a year 9 pupil on leaving Thriftwood School.