



14-19 Department

Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer break filled with fun and relaxation. It's time to dive into a new school year filled with learning, friendships, and exciting opportunities. Let's make this year unforgettable together! If you need to inform us on any updates, please contact us via phone call, email or the school diary.

Each week we will aim to share with you a sample of photographs or diary messages of activities that your young person has particularly enjoyed and has been engaged with through the EFL app. Please feel free to add any photographs from home activities if you wish to share them on our EFL too so that we can share them with their class peers during our chat and share sessions in school. If you experience any problems accessing EFL, please let us know. If you have any other queries, please contact any member of the class team. Regular school updates will be shared on the whole school newsletter. Please keep a look out for a text link to these. Thank you.



Knowledge and Skills

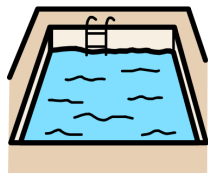
This half term, we're excited to delve into our branch curriculum, which focuses on four key areas: Health & Wellbeing, Communication, Community & Friendships, Creativity, Contributions & Choices, and Skills for Life. Students will engage in a series of captivating activities, detailed on the second page of this newsletter. If you would like further insights or have any questions about the curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are also concentrating on the transition into our new classroom environments and warmly welcoming new learners to our 14-19 department. We will support their understanding of these changes, presenting an excellent opportunity to advance our Personal Learning Goal (PLGs). Additionally, we will be extending our learning by supporting a food bank. As part of this, we will explore why food banks exist and how we can contribute to them.



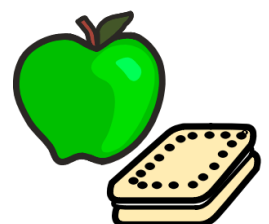
Reminders / additional information

Dovedale and Milldale classes will now access the hydro pool on **MONDAY**. We will aim to ensure that students access the pool during the half term. Please note that all students may not access swimming every week. However, if there are spaces available at other times in the week we may access the pool on a different day.



Snack

If you would like to send a snack into school for your child you are welcome to or alternatively you can send in a £1 per week donation via ParentPay and we will purchase snacks for your child for the week. If you have not yet set this up or need any help, please let the office know.



What we're up to this half term...

Skills For Life

This half term, we will focus on supporting a food bank and exploring what food banks are and why people need them. This will help develop skills such as sorting and identifying different items. It also provides a fantastic opportunity for our learners to support a local charity and see the impact they have on their community.



Health & Wellbeing

As part of our therapy programs, including sensory, visual, hearing, occupational, and physiotherapy, students will engage in various activities related to our current topic. These enjoyable activities will support their development. Additionally, students will participate in MATP activities on Wednesday, where peers will cheer one another on during different sports games and activities.



Communication Community and Friendship

Our focus on changes will support our work with new students joining the 14-19 department and further explore how changes affect relationships, the environment, and more. We will examine how changes make us feel and how we express our feelings.



Creativity, Contributions & Choices

Students will be encouraged to express their creativity by drawing inspiration from a diverse range of ideas, including current topics at school and current events. The focus this half term will be on how to create and decorate a room. Over the weeks, students will be creating a variety of different items that will enhance their learning environment, all done by themselves.



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WELCOME BACK!



Welcome

Ideas for home learning

We highly encourage and appreciate your continued support in promoting class-based learning activities at home. To further enhance your child's learning experience, here are a few suggestions:

- Create own food bank box and donate to local charity
- Create your own picture or model to place around your home (If you need some ideas please contact us)
- Go and explore outside, to see if there are any changes in the weather

We kindly request that you share these experiences with us through the EFL Family App. It would be wonderful to see or read about your child's engagement in these activities. If you require any assistance using the EFL App, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

