

Life Skills Overview				
Key Stage 3				
Autumn 1		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Values	Resilience	Resilience	Resilience
2	Wider Curriculum	Wider Curriculum	Wider Curriculum	Wider Curriculum
3	Citizenship	What is Citizenship?	How do elections work?	How is the country run?
4	Mastering Learning	Just show up	Exploring interests	Making good choices
5	Citizenship	Why does society need rules and laws?	What do political parties do?	What does the Civil Service do?
6	Financial literacy	Saving and borrowing (1)	Different types of insurance (1)	Financial paperwork and budgeting (1)
7	Citizenship	What does fairness mean in society?	What do MPs do?	How does the UK political system compare to other systems?
8		End of half term reflection	End of half term reflection	End of half term reflection
Autumn 2		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Values	Random acts of kindness	Self-kindness in learning	Kindness on on social media
2	Wider Curriculum	Queensmead Culture and Community	Queensmead Culture and Community	Queensmead Culture and Community
3	Citizenship	What are communities like?	What responsibilities does the media have?	Why do we need laws and equality in the UK?
4	Mastering Learning	Being safe and smart online	Digital responsibility	Study skills
5	Citizenship	How are we all connected in the UK?	Should we believe everything we see in the media?	What can we do to create a fairer society?
6	Financial literacy	Saving and borrowing (2)	Different types of insurance (2)	Financial paperwork and budgeting (2)
Spring 1		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Values	Respect - tolerance	Respect - anti-homophobia	Respect - anti-sexism
2	Citizenship	What rights are children entitled to?	What are laws?	Why do people migrate?
3	Wider Curriculum	Queensmead STEM	Queensmead STEM	Queensmead STEM
4	Mastering Learning	Being organised	Time management	Self-advocacy
5	Citizenship	How do we protect the right to health?	What is the criminal age of responsibility?	What are the benefits and drawbacks of controlling immigration?
6	Financial literacy	Making financial decisions (1)	Taxation (1)	Investing in my future

Spring 2		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Citizenship	What do local councils do?	How do citizens take action?	What is the best way to look after money?
2	Mastering Learning	Building friendships	Growth mindset in action	Resilience and failure
3	Wider Curriculum	Queensmead Creative	Queensmead Creative	Queensmead Creative
4	Citizenship	Why is registering to vote so important?	Why do changemakers play an important role in democracy?	What are the implications of borrowing money?
5	Financial literacy	Making financial decisions (2)	Taxation (2)	Planning and budgeting (1)
Summer 1		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Values	Independence	Independence	Independence
2	Citizenship	What is a crime?	Why does voting matter?	What is digital citizenship?
3	Wider Curriculum	Queensmead Active	Queensmead Active	Queensmead Active
4	Mastering Learning	Being coachable	Using feedback effectively	Critical thinking
5	Citizenship	What is the role of the police in dealing with crime?	Should 16- and 17-year-olds be allowed to vote in elections?	How can social media be used to increase political participation?
6	Financial literacy	Risk and reward (1)	Inflation (1)	Planning and budgeting (2)
Summer 2		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1	Values	Values	Values	Values
2	Citizenship	How can communities work together to make change?	What actions can we take to address climate change?	How can we contribute to school decision-making?
3	Wider Curriculum	Queensmead Academic	Queensmead Academic	Queensmead Academic
4	Mastering Learning	Healthy habits	Looking after yourself	Healthy body, healthy mind
5	Citizenship	What role does our school play in the local community?	Why is poverty still a global problem?	How can we make change happen?
6	Financial literacy	Risk and reward (2)	Inflation (2)	Planned saving and borrowing