



Personal, Social & Health Education
Curriculum Booklet
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Personal, Social & Health Education Curriculum Intent:

'Education for Life, not merely for earning a Living'

The St Dunstan's Personal, Social & Health Education curriculum intends to instil the St Dunstan's core values of Truth; Resilience; Ambition; Community and Kindness (TRACK) as follows:

- **Truth**: Students are provided with vital life skills through engaging with contemporary issues and exploring the many common misconceptions that exist around these issues. Students also examine fake news, the difference between *facts and opinions*, and ensure they *critically engage* with information and other people's views.
- **Resilience**: Students are encouraged to grow their resilience by exploring *contemporary issues*, the nature of the nature of *living in a democracy* and reflecting on what type of life they want to lead.
- Ambition: Students are exposed to alternative viewpoints and learning is connected to historical
 context and current affairs. Collaboration and critical analysis are encouraged, compelling students to
 imagine and contribute to the creation of a better world for all.
- Community: Students explore the attitudes of tolerance, respect, empathy and the moral conviction
 to stand up for beliefs and opinions, therefore building an active, respectful and engaged community.
- Kindness: Students develop respect and understanding of different people, viewpoints, cultures, beliefs, places and environments. They will explore the nature of 'how to live a good life' to enable them to become more knowledgeable, kind and compassionate citizens.

PSHE education is a subject through which pupils develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy and safe, and prepare for life and work in modern Britain. PSHE contributes widely to the SMSC of the school and teaches students the importance of modern British values. Evidence shows that well-delivered PSHE programmes have an impact on both academic and non-academic outcomes for pupils, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged (PSHE Association 2019).

Personal, Social & Health Education develops knowledge and skills such as resilience, self-esteem, risk-management, team working and critical thinking in the context of learning grouped into three core themes:

- health and wellbeing,
- relationships,
- and living in the wider world (including economic wellbeing and aspects of careers education).

Personal, Social & Health Education aims to challenge students by:

- Having a curriculum sensitive to the needs of all students, differentiating for ability, behaviour and emotional variants. This includes SEND and other vulnerable groups.
- Exposing students to alternative viewpoints.
- Connecting work to real life scenarios, role playing and rehearsing responses to these situations and understanding where to go for help.
- Connecting work in lessons to historical context and current affairs.

Personal, Social & Health Education aims to prepare students for future careers by:

- Following a discreet Careers programme throughout KS3 and 4
- A Careers education which focuses on learning the skills needed to navigate the 21st century employment market. such as:-
- Understanding stereotyping and being able to combat it; Recognising and playing to their strengths and being able to develop those skills in which they are less strong; Developing understanding of the way that the employment market works today, including AI sifting of candidates and the different types of interviews/selection processes they may encounter; Allowing them to work collaboratively with their peers.
- Encouraging them to learn about others.
- Developing literacy and critical analysis

Personal, Social & Health Education Curriculum Implementation:

Curriculum sequencing: Students follow a spiralling curriculum around three main themes: **Health and Wellbeing**, **Relationships and Living In The Wider World**. Students also follow the citizenship curriculum that covers the concepts outlined in the programme of study. Personal, Social & Health Education builds on prior learning at KS2 by following:

- The PSHE Association Programme of study
- The RSHE Guidelines

The curriculum focuses on the following concepts:

- 1. **Identity** Personal qualities, attitudes, skills, attributes and achievements and what influences these; understanding and maintaining boundaries around their personal privacy, including online safety.
- 2. **Relationships** Different types and in different settings, including online.
- 3. **Healthy balanced Lifestyle** Including physical, emotional and social, within relationships, work-life, exercise and rest, spending and saving and lifestyle choices.
- 4. **Risk** Identification, assessment and how to manage risk, rather than simply the avoidance of risk for self and others; Safety, including behaviour and strategies to employ in different settings, including online.
- 5. Diversity and Equality In all its forms, including the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.
- 6. **Rights-** Including the notion of universal human rights, responsibilities, including fairness and justice and consent in different contexts.
- 7. **Change** As something to be managed; Resilience, the skills, strategies and 'inner resources' we can draw on when faced with challenging change or circumstance.
- 8. **Power** How it is used and encountered in a variety of contexts including online; how it manifests through behaviours including bullying, persuasion, coercion and how it can be challenged or managed through negotiation and 'win-win' outcomes.
- 9. Careers Including employability and economic understanding.
- 10. **Citizenship** Covering the concepts outlined in the programme of study.

Staff training and regular CPD throughout the year ensures staff know how to signpost to various organisations, which in turn ensures our delivery of key content responds to issues young people are facing currently and allows the curriculum to adapt to meet the needs of our students. Pupil voice is regularly used to review the curriculum.

Curriculum Assessment: Assessment is an integral part of all teaching and learning. However, the personal nature of PSHE education means that it cannot be assessed in the same way as other subjects and it would be inappropriate for assessment in PSHE education to imply passing or failing 'as a person'. It is however possible to recognise and evidence progress and attainment in the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes PSHE strives to develop.

PSHE assessment carries out an initial activity that gauges pupils' starting point in terms of their existing knowledge, skills, attitudes and beliefs. This is used to inform the teacher's planning and reviewed through assessment three times over the year. In addition, a pupil voice element of the final assessments feeds into the planning for the following year.

Key Stage 3: The Key Stage 3 curriculum is taught in mixed ability groups and explores the above themes in a spiral style revisiting concepts throughout the different themes. As above, staff receive regular CPD.

Key Stage 4: Is a combined course covering students' Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) and Philosophy & Belief (PB) entitlement. Students are taught in setted classes exclusively by specialist teachers. A spiral style curriculum explores the three key aspects of PSHE and connected PB. This allows building in overlapping concepts and threads, such as the concept of ethical relationships in PSHE followed by the study of sexual ethics in PB.

Allocated Curriculum Time:

Year Group	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Fortnightly lesson allocation in hours	2	2	2	2	2

Curriculum Plan: Year 7

Terms	Curriculum Foci Areas	Assessment Criteria
1	What is PSHE? Key learning themes: Ground Rules and Pupil Consultation Stepping up to secondary school - What makes an outstanding learner? What is PSHE? What communities am I a member of? What are British Values? What is friendship? - How do I build positive relationships? Cyberbullying and Managing Screen Time	Assessment 1: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
2	Character Education (Citizenship) Key learning themes: Respect Integrity Resilience Courage, Compassion and Confidence Coping with Stress	
3	Health, Wellbeing and Relationships Key learning themes: Bacteria & Viruses Puberty, including mood swings & gender What are periods & Surviving Puberty Sexual Harassment	Assessment 2: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
4	Drugs and Other Stuff Key learning themes:	
5	Careers Key learning themes: Looking Ahead What am I good at? What jobs do I know about? Self Reflection- How to sell yourself Living the Dream	Assessment3: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
6	Safety Key learning themes: Pride Month Risky Business - planning for safety Staying safe online What to do in an emergency Safer Cycling & Water Safety	

Curriculum Plan: Year 8

Term	Curriculum Foci Areas	Assessment Criteria
1	How to Keep Safe Key learning themes:	Assessment 1: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
2	What Rights and Responsibilities Do We Have? Key learning themes:	
3	Money, Money, Money Key learning themes: How can I manage my money & creating a personal budgeting plan Savings, loans and interest rates Using the right financial products for you Making ethical financial decisions How we can keep financially savvy and avoid debt Consumers and the Law- what are my rights?	Assessment 2: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
4	Health and Wellbeing Key learning themes: How dangerous are drugs and what are the different types? Smoking and vaping The truth about alcohol Risk of alcohol and drug problems What exactly is cancer? Can we do anything to prevent it Health choices: vaccinations, blood and organ donation, stem cells and hygiene	
5	Relationships Key learning themes: Pregnancy and teenage pregnancy- what issues do young parents face? Managing conflict, feelings and consent What are the consequences of sexting? Managing FGM Self Esteem and Body Image School Nurse Visit (RSE)	Assessment3: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
6	Careers Key learning themes:	

Curriculum Plan: Year 9

Term	Curriculum Foci Areas	Assessment Criteria
1	Drugs and other stuff Key learning themes: Ground Rules and Pupil Consultation Attitudes towards drugs Drugs, what do we know about the risks and the law? Alcohol and Binge Drinking What are the pressures surrounding alcohol? Where do they come from? What to do in an emergency	Assessment 1: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
2	Living in the Wider World Key learning themes:	
3	Careers and Options Choices Key learning themes: • Year 9 Options Booklet • Preparing for Options Evening • My Top 10 Career Choices • Career Pilot • Where to go for help for careers advice	Assessment 2: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
4	Relationships and Sex Education Key learning themes: Relationships & what is Sexual Consent? Body Parts & what is sexual health? LGBTQ+ Safer Sex & Contraception What is worrying about pornography? What is Child Sexual Exploitation and how does it happen?	
5	Wellbeing Key learning themes:	Assessment3: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
6	First Aid Key learning themes:	

Curriculum Plan: Year 10 PSHE / PB non-examined course

Term	Curriculum Foci Areas Assessment Criteria	Assessment Criteria
1 & 2	PSHE: Health and Wellbeing Key learning theme: Ground Rules and Pupil Consultation Alcohol, Anxiety, and Mental well-being Social Media, Self Esteem & Body Image and Self Examination Putting the Men in Mental Health (Suicide Prevention) Young, British & Broke PB: The Only Way is Ethics Key learning theme: What is ethics & Right and wrong Environmental Ethics Saviour Siblings & the Human Commodity Sexual Ethics Weapons of Mass Destruction and Capital Punishment	Assessment 1: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
3 & 4	PSHE: Living in the Wider World Key learning theme: What is a hate crime & Anti social behaviour Illegal Drugs and County Lines and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Knife Crime and The Criminal Justice System Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Breast ironing, Forced marriage & Honour based violence Voting, political parties, the Media, power of the press and fake news PB: Religion and World Views Key learning theme: Judaism, Christianity & Islam Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism & other Eastern Religions Atheism and Humanism The Truman Show and The Matrix: can we ever be free?	Assessment 2: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
5 & 6	PSHE: Relationships and Sex Education Key learning theme: What does a Healthy Relationship look like? Consent. Sex, Sexuality and LGBTQ+ Fertility and Reproductive Health (link to drugs, alcohol, STIs) Implications of young parenthood Stalking, Spiralling and Domestic Violence PSHE: Living in the Wider World - Careers, Money & Finance Key learning theme: Ambition, Costing, budgeting & essential spending Understanding payment cards, frauds and scams. The budget game and how the economy works Applying for work experience Application forms, Curriculum vitae, Personal statement and Interviews	Assessment3: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support

Curriculum Plan: Year 11 PSHE / PB non-examined course

Term	Curriculum Foci Areas Assessment Criteria	Assessment Criteria
1 & 2	PSHE: Living in the Wider World - Careers, Money & Finance Key learning theme: My Vocation: I Know What I Want Degree Vs. Training: 6th form / Apprenticeships / College / Work Re-visit: Record of achievement, Applying for a job, Personal Statement, Getting an interview Bank accounts, Tax & Money lending Living Debt free & Planning for your pension PSHE: Health and Wellbeing & Living in the wider world Key learning theme: Alcohol and Drugs at clubs, festivals and parties Personal Safety (Including drugs and alcohol) & CPR Cyber Safety, Online Fraud and Digital Footprints Gambling Managing Conflict: Gangs & Guns	Assessment 1: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
3 & 4	PSHE: Relationships and Sex Education Key learning theme: Building ethical relationships. Consent What does "good sex" even mean? Contraception STI's (Inc. HIV) Pregnancy and parenthood Planet Porn vs Planet Reality Sexual Images and the law: Revenge porn, sexting, upskirting) PB: Ethics & Filosoflix Key learning theme: Abortion Euthanasia Organ and Blood Donation Gattaca & Genetic Engineering A.I. & What does it mean to be human?	Assessment 2: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support
5	PB: Heal the world make it a better place Key learning theme: Putting the Planet in PB: Food, Travel & Fast Fashion Fish are friends - Animal testing, Vegetarianism & Veganism Anti Semitism: The Pianist & Where was God? Far right extremism, Islamophobia, Multiculturalism & Community Cohesion Marxism and Social Control Equality, Feminism and Sexism	Assessment3: Knowledge, understanding, terminology and recall check incl alternative views & signposting support

Impact

Our students will cover and demonstrate secure subject knowledge that will allow them to make appropriate, and safe decisions in their personal lives. Our learners will aspire to be healthy, independent and responsible members of a society. PSHE will help students understand how they are developing personally and socially, and will tackle many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up. Our students, regardless of starting point, will have a broad understanding of a range of issues that affect them, and positive personal characteristics that allow them to be productive and successful young members of modern society. Our curriculum allows pupils to learn about rights and responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society. Students will develop their sense of self-worth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. All children understand the importance of PSHE, RS, SMSC and British Values, and the effects it can have on life in and out of school. By teaching pupils to stay safe and healthy, and by building self-esteem, resilience and empathy, an effective provision can tackle barriers to learning, raise aspirations, and improve the life chances of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils. The skills and attributes developed through PSHE education are also shown to increase academic attainment and attendance rates, particularly among pupils eligible for free school meals, as well as improve employability and boost social mobility. Holistic personal development will be evidenced in student work, student voice, wider student achievement and within the cohesion of the school community. Student participation is recorded and tracked to ensure all learners are accessing and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

<u>Implementation</u>

The curriculum builds on prior learning at KS2 by:

Following the PSHE Association Programme of study and RSE Guidelines

Curriculum sequencing:

Students follow a spiralling curriculum around three main themes: Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living In The Wider World

This is further implemented through the Tutor and Assembly Programme:

St Dunstan's tutor time programme is designed to enrich the whole student by focusing on both academic and pastoral wellbeing. Students have one assembly a week, which has been carefully designed for students to cover academic tutoring, stretch and challenge goals, behaviour reminders and wellbeing incentives. The other four days of AM tutor allow students to practise their Maths, focus on their reading and promote fundamental British Values as part of developing well-rounded and upstanding citizens. The PM tutor slot focuses on reflection, enabling students to recognise and record the positives and negatives in their day, and sharing their thoughts and concerns with their tutor.

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Monday	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Assembly
Tuesday	Read to	Read to	Read to	Assembly	English
	Succeed	Succeed	Succeed		
Wednesday	British Values	Read to	Assembly	Read to	Maths
		Succeed		Succeed	
Thursday	Read to	Assembly	Read to	Read to	Science
	Succeed		Succeed	Succeed	
Friday	Assembly	British Values	British Values	British Values	British Values