

# Key Stage 4 Homework Ideas – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to another year! With having 3 classes and new staff to the department this year, we are looking forward to providing our young people with lots of exciting learning and experiences. Here is some information about what is to come over the next term.

## **English**

Our students will be basing their learning on topic of 'Crime' as our fiction unit and 'Holidays' as our non-fiction unit. The students will either work to the AQA accreditation programme or follow our school SOLAR targets, dependent on which pathway is most appropriate for the young person. All groups will be learning to develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills at an appropriate level. There may be some homework sent with your young person for maths and English to reinforce the basic skills. Please let us know if there is any issue with this being completed. Your class team will let you know which pathway your young person will be following and be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## **Maths**

Like English, there will be an AQA and SOLAR route for maths. Over the course of the Autumn term, the AQA group will be completing units in number, money, time and calendar and ratio. These topics will build on their previous skills and include specific topics such as:

- Counting, ordering and comparing numbers
- Recognise and using coins and notes and applying money skills to problem solving
- Reading and recording time, including dates
- Recognising fractions of shapes and numbers

The SOLAR group will consolidate their prior learning and build on this in number, shape and space, data handling and using and applying. The targets for these sessions are based on the student's next steps in their learning journal.

## **Science**

Our Science topic this term is 'The Human Body'. Again, we will be following the AQA and SOLAR pathways. This will include parts of the body, organs and their functions, ways we can stay healthy (including exercise, diet, germs and medicine).

To help at home, you could talk about healthy meals and try a different type of exercise.

## **Relationships and Sex Education**

This term will focus on the important issue of mental health. This includes recognising different emotions in ourselves and others, being aware of who contributes to our happiness and how we can influence how others feel. We will try to develop an understanding of common mental health issues.

To help at home, you could try out a new form of mindfulness, such as a nature walk or meditation session as a way of training out minds to be calm.

## **Computing**

Our computing work focuses on E-Safety, which is always a relevant topic! We will focus on the positives and negatives of social media, protecting our personal information, recognising scams and managing devices.

To help at home, you could use the Barclays Lifeskills lessons to reinforce the understanding of staying safe in the digital world.

## **Careers**

This term we are looking at our personal strengths and things we are good at and things we need help with. We will be starting to recognise the ways we like to learn and we will share our talents to teach our friends.

To help at home, you could practise new skills and let the young people share with others at home skills they have learnt in school.

The students will also have an interview with Kate as Careers Leader and Lynn, our Ideas4Careers advisor, who will begin to support the students in starting to think about their future pathways and if its relevant, exploring Post 18 options. Our annual Careers Fair will be held on **Tuesday 3rd October at 1:30pm** in the school hall and hope you may be able to attend! More details to follow soon!

### **Life Skills**

Our Life Skills sessions will take place over a morning. The students will take part in a range of activities including planning, preparing and cooking meals; home skills; travel training; money and budgeting skills.

To help at home, you could get the young people involved in everyday household tasks, meal planning and getting out in the community. We would always love to see any photos!

### **Vocational**

Our Vocational courses will be arts based. The students will be able to choose from art, music, drama and media studies. We will be working alongside Millie from Newark and Sherwood Council and Nikki-Kate from Sound Lincs on projects that will all contribute to a school production to be performed at end of the Christmas term!

Thank you for your continued support.

*Key Stage 4 Team*