

Post-16 Homework Ideas – Summer Term 2024

I can't believe we are on our last term of the academic year – this year has whizzed by!

English

Joe's group will be continuing their Life Skills Challenge coursework, looking at two new units. In Communicating in a Group, we will be developing our communication skills and what we need to do in order to have a flowing conversation. We will be looking at different types of questioning, as well as retaining information. When we look at Extracting Information, as well as looking at different types of lists and instruction. Also we will be looking at their uses, eg for a shopping list or following a recipe.

Kelly's group will be working towards the Functional Skills assessments which are happening in May (dates will be shared with individuals). We will be focusing on asking questions, playing different games and taking part in real life scenarios, such as making appointments and ordering food. For reading we will be learning to use organisational features to help us navigate different non-fiction texts. In our writing lessons we will be looking at formal and informal writing styles, learning to write letters, reviews, fill in forms and other types of informal texts such as notes. Please could you work on forms and addresses and the layout of these.

Maths

Joe's group will be continuing with their Life Skills Challenge coursework, where we will now be looking at maths in relation to functional shopping skills! This means that over the course of this final term, we will be getting out to shops, so expect a message asking if you need your young person to pick up some shopping!

Kelly's group will be working towards the Functional Skills assessments which are happening in May (dates will be shared with individuals). In number we are focusing on sequencing numbers and the different calculations, and practising our techniques in the four main calculations of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, looking at mental methods of working out answers as well as using calculators. Our Thursday sessions are focusing on measures and shape, developing our understanding of the properties of shapes and angles. We are also developing our knowledge of data by choosing our own information to gather and represent information.

RSHE

This term we will be focusing on internet safety and harms and being safe. Kelly's class are learning about how we use the internet and the different ways of staying safe. We will also be looking at alternative things to do instead of looking at screens.

Craig's group: This term is about 'Being safe' so any discussion at home around coercive behaviour, organised crime, county lines and abuse and the signs and issues to be aware of and to look out for would be beneficial.

Careers

Part of Careers this half term involves Joe taking the Year 12 students on visits to colleges and day services that can be accessed once students leave school. Once these visits are over, we will be splitting back into our regular careers groups, where Joe's group will be looking at money and setting up a mini-enterprise to raise money for the prom!

In Craig's group, this term is about 'Belonging to a community' if students could be showed different clubs and society's in their local area, and maybe be taken to get experience a new club or spare time activity.

ASDAN PSD

Our module this term is Community Action where we will be looking at what is available to us in our community, such as sports and leisure facilities and different community groups. We will learn about how to access these as well as how to stay safe when out in the community.

Vocational

Each student has chosen new arts based options for the Spring term. Some students have decided to carry on with the options they have already done, whereas some have chosen something different. If you would like to know what vocational options your child has chosen, please ask and we are happy to share it with you.

Life Skills

Life skills remain a crucial focus of the work in Post 16. We will carry on with our Team Enterprise programme, planning and cooking staff lunches and supporting students to keep a record of their profits which they can spend in a way of their choosing at the end of the year. At Reach, we will take part in a range of projects to improve the environment.

The Year 12s will be having more opportunities to visit local colleges to help them make their decision for where they would like to go after Newark Orchard.

Life Skills is also embedded into the Post 16 curriculum and there will be plenty of opportunities to experience these throughout the week. There will be projects taking place over the course of the term that will also allow the students to develop and build on their life skills. This term the students will plan a trip to spend their profits so we are excited to see where they are going to take us!

Work Experience

Our students will continue to access internal and external work experience placements. We are hoping to start some new placements this term. Individual parents will be contacted to discuss the work experience placements organised.

We also have Butlins to look forward to for the leavers, we hope the weather is kind to us in July!

As always, we are at the end of the phone or email if you need to speak to us.

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Thank you for your continued support.

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