**Post-16 Homework Ideas – Summer Term 2025**

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

**English**

Joe’s group are looking at English skills in relation to shopping this term for their Lifeskills Challenge coursework. They are looking at a variety of shops, finding out information about them, writing reports about their findings and sharing with the class through discussions. It would be great when you’re in the community if you could encourage your young person to be looking out for and reading labels, as well as following a shopping list.

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, as we found that our students aren’t sure about the layout and the order of these details.

**Maths**

Joe’s group will be working towards the Functional Skills assessments which are happening in May for Year 13s (dates will be shared with individuals). Year 12s will also be sitting mocks this term too. This term, we are looking at properties of shape and data, where we are working on collecting our own information and representing it in a variety of way such as tally charts, bar and line graphs.

Kelly’s group are working on their shape recognition and measuring skills in the context of cooking. For the first half term, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and developing our understanding of positional vocabulary. We are also looking for shapes in the real world so it would be great if you did this at home. After half term we are looking at size, weight, time and capacity through cooking on a Friday so expect some treats being sent home for the weekend!

**RSHE**

Joe’s group are looking at three topics this term: Changing Adolescent Bodies, where we will be looking at what we need to do to keep clean as a growing teen; Health and Prevention where we are looking at illnesses, medical conditions and how we can reduce risks of illness and; Basic First Aid, where we will be learning basic skills such as bandaging wounds, putting someone in the recovery position what to do in an emergency. It would be great to have some photos of your young person practicing their first aid skills at home!

Craig’s group are looking at healthy eating this half term. Any discussion at home about what we are eating and why is beneficial. Learning about the packaging and the information about the contents of the food, and whether it is good for us or bad for us, and trying to understand a healthy balanced diet.

**Careers**

Kelly’s group are learning about rules. We will be talking about the rules we have at school and at home. We will also be talking about laws, what laws we know and what happens if we break them!

Joe’s group are learning about rules and laws. We will be looking at why they are in place and what the consequences of breaking them would be. After half term, we will be working towards staging a mock trial to see how we would do in a courtroom situation!

**ASDAN PSD**

Our modules this term are Environmental Awareness and individual Right and Responsibilities. For Environmental Awareness we will be learning about the different things humans do that harm and help the environment. We will be conducting surveys of the environment in our local area and coming up with plans for how we can help. In Rights and Responsibilities, we will be learning about the rights we have as a child and how they change as we become adults. We will also be learning about our responsibilities to ourselves and others

**Vocational**

Each student has chosen new arts-based options for the Summer 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.

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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