

# Woodlawn Post 16

## Spring A Curriculum Newsletter

### Class 14



#### **English**

This half term students will have the chance to develop skills in English and continue ELC, Functional Skills courses in English. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the 19th and 20th century to prepare us for the second components of the English Language accreditation. The topic will be 'Survival' and we will be reading several famous biographies.

#### **Maths**

This half term we will be covering geometry including 2D shapes, 3D shapes, area and volume. The previous learning will also be recalled within ELC papers. Students will also be returning to their functional Maths targets in money and time to support their progress towards their PLP targets.

#### **Science**

Students will further their knowledge of solids and liquids as well as pure substances and mixtures. They will order instructions and then follow these to carry out practical activities to make mixtures. They will also carry out filtering, evaporation and chromatography experiments to separate a range of mixtures. They will further their understanding of the conditions needed for materials to change state by freezing, melting, condensing and evaporating water.

#### **PSD**

This half term students will complete the module 'Environmental Awareness'. They will complete the activities they have chosen to help the environment, keep a log and evaluate what impact they had. We will then start the module 'Individual Rights and Responsibilities' where students learn about the difference of these and how they apply to their lives.

#### **Community Learning**

This half term the group will be travelling in the local area using the metro or the schools' Minibus. Students will be involved in choosing where they wish to visit, plan the route and journey there supported by class staff. Students will get the chance to bring in some money to buy their lunch or a healthy snack if they wish. The weather will still be cold so we will need a coat and hat in order to feel as comfortable as possible during our time away from school.

#### **Sport in the Community**

This half term pupils will improve their fitness and stamina by walking in the local area. We will visit a local Leisure Centre where students will have a choice of swimming and using the gym equipment safely. Students will need an Ease Card to access this. Please send your child's Ease Card in every Tuesday so we can make sure they get best possible price for the activities. We are always trying to develop the Community Sport offer in school so if your child should ever suggest they would like to try a new or different healthy activity please let staff at school know and we will try to accommodate this.

#### **ICT and Media**

As part of our ASDAN Short Course 'Vocational Computing' Students will have the chance to take part in an in-depth study project designed to develop their skills in digital creative media. This term we are intending to develop our use of software packages used in business by learning how to use Micro:bit units and programme them using the Block Code or Python Coding Languages.

#### **Creative**

Students will learn about the history of Optical Art and focus on key pieces by famous artists such as M C Escher and Bridget Riley. Students will learn how to create optical illusions using simple shapes and patterns. Students will learn about tessellation, transformation and explore bold contrasting colours. Students will produce their own Optical artwork.

#### **ASDAN Short Course**

Students will have an opportunity to continue their chosen ASDAN short course in History, FoodWise or Health and Social Care. These courses will continue to develop a range of opportunities for students to learn skills which can be used in their future career as they prepare for adulthood and the world of work.

