Sixth Form PSHE

All Sixth Form students receive dedicated PSHE time each week during which our specialist Sixth Form tutors cover a wide range of topics, skills and activities. This is designed to supplement our academic curriculum and provide students with opportunities to develop, discuss and reflect. We seek to prepare students to manage their current lives and lay foundations for managing future experiences.

Students have a daily 30 minute tutor period similar to students in Key Stage 3 and 4. During this time, students will have the opportunity to meet one to one with their Sixth Form tutor to discuss their progress, take part in group activities and discuss current issues. The content for these sessions does vary between year group. Year 12 focus on health and wellbeing and follow the Edge programme whereas Year 13 continue to work on their personal statements for UCAS, apprenticeships and employment, as well as focusing on study and revision skills in preparation for Level 3 examinations.

An example of a typical programme:

Year 12:

Monday Group discussions / 1:1 progress meetings

Tuesday Group discussions / 1:1 progress meetings

Wednesday Wellbeing

Thursday Edge

Friday 'Fun Friday'

Year 13

Monday to Thursday Personal statement writing / 1:1 progress meetings / study skills

Friday 'Fun Friday'

All students also have an additional one hour PSHE session on a Tuesday led by their form tutors.

In Year 12 our focus is initially on the effective transition to Post 16 study and helping to provide students with the capacity to understand, develop and manage relationships, learn independently through the setting of targets to develop strategies for effective self-regulation and time management.

For most of the remainder of Year 12 students will complete The Progression Module produced by Leeds Beckett University. This is a structured programme which aims to support students in their preparation for both higher education and employment. The module is delivered by the Year 12 tutors and support is given by Leeds Beckett University staff whenever needed. Within the Module, students are guided through how to compose a CV, how best to research different courses and how to effectively budget when at University. Students also undertake a mock interview and are assessed on the delivery of a presentation.

In Year 13, support and advice in selecting and applying for University places or employment are our major focus, along with Careers advice and exposure to the full range of Post 18 options available. In addition to this the students receive practical advice and sessions on how to manage stress, preparing for university life and improving their study skills.

In addition, all our Sixth Form students benefit from a range of external speakers and guests to help inform and inspire them to achieve their potential, including access to an external Careers Advisor every Tuesday during their PSHE time. Also, throughout the year sessions will be led on various themes including the following:

2022/23

October 2022 Black History month

14th-20th November 2022 Road Safety Week

18th-25th November 2022 Alcohol Awareness Week

January 2023 New Years Resolutions : Lifestyle, Budgeting

8th February 2023 International Safer Internet Day

6th-12th February 2023 National Apprenticeship Week

21st-25th February 2023 National Student Money Week – Student Finance

6th-11th March 2023 National Careers Week

13th-20th May 2023 Mental Health Awareness Week

Sixth Form Enrichment

"Enrichment: activities and experiences that broaden horizons, develop new skills and cultivate personal and social qualities such as commitment, good citizenship, initiative, leadership and team spirit"

So what is the Sixth Form Enrichment Programme?

The Sixth Form provides a structure for hands on enrichment that involves 'learning by doing'. This allows our students to build up evidence that they have qualities, knowledge and skills that will be valuable to them in higher education, employment and in life. Students are required to choose at least one enrichment activity that they will undertake during their time in Sixth Form.

The powerpoint below outlines the different opportunities available.