

ASHLEY DOWN COLLEGE-Term 2

2017-18 *POST-16 TRANSITION CLASS*

English- Functional Skills English for all. Exactly as it sounds, the focus is using English in life, every day. Students will be working at the right level for them and completing tasks both in groups and independently. We are also going to do some practice tests.....to practice!!

At Home- As always, support all reading, whether it is a book, magazine, comic or internet.

Maths- Miss Capel has organised the group so as to get individuals working most effectively. They are now working at their own pace as well as within groups, dependent on the area of study.

At Home- Last term the advice was connecting maths to cooking. This term, why not travel on public transport and practice timetables, bus routes and journey times.

Community Access- We are continuing to do a project around Bristol and tourism, developing their knowledge of what is available, at the same time as consolidating the knowledge they already might have.

At Home- There is a fascinating exhibition at the Arnolfini gallery, you will either love or hate. Either way students will have a chance to give their opinion, an important skill in life.

Short Term Outcomes- IEP's have gone. However, we are going to see if we can focus on the short term outcomes that are part of the Annual Review. Watch this space because this is a new focus and we are looking to see how we can get the best from it and make it truly meaningful.

At Home- Ask them what kind of targets they would like to have.

Gym- A great start was made in the first term. Some of the year 12 students are already developing independence. We are getting students to think about both helping themselves and their peers to continue with the excellent start.

At Home- Skip a car journey and walk instead, half an hour active housework with half an hour TV as a reward after. Share your ideas with the class.

Cooking- This term Year 13 will be the ones in the cooking room. The focus will be on cooking a small roast with the intention of cooking for all on the last Friday of term, including the Year 12's.

At Home- Year 13 could plan, prepare and feed you a basic meal.

Volunteer Work- Year 12 will be investigating the allotments but also looking at doing something on behalf of Bristol City Council.

At Home- Why not buy them a potted plant to be responsible for at home.

Personal Project- This has had an enthusiastic first term. Subjects picked have been diverse and included retail, childcare, ICT, gaming and comic art, to name but four.

At Home- Talk to them about what they want to do and see if there are opportunities you can help them take advantage of, such as visiting places.

ICT- Students have been working on accredited units. The work has focussed on their level and they have been completing individual tasks as well as taking part in group sessions.

At Home- Continue to look for useful apps that can be practical and useful everyday. Focus on areas such as travel, planning and social skills.

Art- We are continuing to do the photography project, inspired by the 'Bigger Picture' photographic competition. It connects photography to the issues of the day and how the students see and are affected by them.

At Home- 'Being Me' is one of the photo headings. What does this mean to the students? What does this mean to you?