

ASHLEY DOWN COLLEGE-Term 1

2019-20 POST-16 TRANSITION CLASS

English- New year and students will continue working on both functional skills English and some focussed AQA accreditation, whilst they settle in to their new class and base.

Focus this year will include reading. This will be practical, although those interested in fiction writing will certainly be supported.

At Home –Ask them what they have been up to. Also, continue with the reading focus there too. Even reading cereal packets or instructions is relevant.

Maths- As with English, the students will be continuing forward with their maths at their individual level. Although there will still be group work as part of this.

At Home- Work out their weekly budget and weekly/daily timings. Both important working skills.

Cooking- Groups are mixed this year. However, they will continue to alternate with the volunteer work termly. New start is always back to basics!

At Home-balanced diet is so important. Look at what can happen when it goes wrong.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-49551337>

Careers Mt McKenna will start on completing coursework to support future career ambitions. The class focus has moved towards this in all ways, including behavioural expectations and following rules

At Home- Helping out at home or with family and friends will all support developing the right attitude for working adult life.

Volunteer Work- Groups are mixed this year. However, they will continue to alternate with the volunteer work termly. New start is always back to basics, so this will mean clearing, cleaning, digging and generally physical labour

At Home- Are there neighbours or friends who could do with a little help because they are elderly or unwell. Always a good idea to think about others, in the hope that others may think about us!

Community Access and Bristol Studies- Continuing with the idea of developing social skills, awareness of Bristol and the link with future studies and employment

Home- Students who are as confident in their understanding of their city as they can be, will find entering full adulthood less stressful than if they did not have this knowledge.

Gym- New students will be trained up on the gym equipment whilst the older ones will continue with their efforts to improve their fitness

At Home- Always good to be reminded how simple domestic activities can help out and improve fitness, such as gardening, hovering, moving and helping out

Art- This year we will look at developing fine motor skills, observation skills and awareness of the media world and how it tries to get us to do things, such as in adverts.

At Home- Fine motor skills can be used in everything from cooking to DIY. That's why art has real relevance!

Personal Project- This will be part of the year but not all. It provides an opportunity for students to do a piece of work driven by their interests.

At Home- Ask them what they are doing and why they chose that.

Work Experience- The students have been split into two groups and they will

alternate a term on wexp with a term doing English

At Home- Are there opportunities to earn something by helping out. Does not need to be money, might simply be, 'helping for helping's sake'.