

Team Amber

Autumn 2 Overview of teaching and learning



Young people will be introduced to Functional Skills Entry level English: (Year 9)		Young people will be introduced to Functional Skills Entry level Maths: (Year 9)
English - Reading	English - Writing	Maths - Fluency/ Problem Solving
<p>Young people in Year 9, will be following the Functional skills pathway varying from Entry Level 1 to Level 1. If you require more specific information about your young person, please contact me directly via class dojo.</p>		<p>Young people in Year 9, will be following the Functional skills pathway varying from Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 3. If you require more specific information about your young person, please contact me directly via class dojo.</p>
<p>Young people will be looking at retrieval skills using bespoke texts linking to their interests working on deducing information from texts. Young people will also be working on understanding the main points of a text and understanding the purpose. This will link closely to understanding why some texts have specific organisation markers. Young people will also be using effective strategies to find the meaning of words and check their spelling (e.g. a dictionary, spell-checker)</p> <p>Alongside this, we are placing a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure, encouraging students to explore a variety of texts that interest and inspire them. As well as this, young people will have weekly reading intervention to support their fluency and comprehension. This helps to build confidence, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of reading.</p>	<p>Young people will also be working on their writing skills and what is required for their specific level.</p> <p>Young people will be specifically looking at the different skills needed for their writing.</p> <p>They will be working on communicating information in words, phrases and simple sentences.</p> <p>Young people will learn how to complete a form asking for personal information (e.g. first name, surname, address, postcode, age, date of birth).</p> <p>They will also be working on writing in compound sentences, using common conjunctions (e.g. or, and, but) to connect clause</p>	<p>Young people will be looking at a variety of Maths objectives linking to number. Specifically, depending on the level qualification your young person is doing, they will be accessing learning linking to the four operations and building up to applying this to exam style questions.</p> <p>Young people will be taught how to unpick exam style questions, how to highlight key information, show their working out and feel confident in applying their knowledge.</p> <p>Some young people will be focusing on two-by-two digit multiplication and division this half term. They need to develop the skills to divide three-digit whole numbers by single- and double-digit whole numbers and express remainders.</p> <p>Other young people in Y9, will be working on written methods for multiplying whole numbers in the range 0×0 to 12×12 and also dividing two-digit whole numbers by single-digit whole numbers and express remainders.</p>



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We will also continue to place a strong focus on strengthening times tables knowledge and building mathematical vocabulary to support key concepts.

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ASDAN	Communication and interaction	Cognition and learning	Sensory and physical	Social, emotional and mental health	Independence
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Young people will be continually pushed to work on their communication and interaction skills. They will be encouraged to share their likes, interests, and preferences as a way of conversing and also develop sentence starters to support them in opening dialogue with others. There will be lots of opportunities to develop positive relationships with both peers and staff, with a focus on teamwork, communication, and trust-building activities. Young people will also be supported in expressing their wants and needs confidently and appropriately, helping them to feel heard, understood, and valued.



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Maths Y11	English Y11
<p>Some Y11's will continue to consolidate and apply the Maths skills they have already learned, with a focus on using them confidently in everyday situations. The aim is to ensure they have strong functional skills in areas such as number, money, time, and problem-solving, so they feel prepared for their future and independence skills. By practising these skills in real-life contexts, it will ensure young people have developed confidence and independence to use Maths beyond Bader.</p> <p>Some Y11's will be working towards Functional Skills Maths Level 1, which develops practical Maths skills needed for everyday life, work, and life beyond Bader. This term, we are focusing on Number skills - building accuracy, confidence, and fluency in calculations.</p> <p>Young people will be able to Read, write, order and compare numbers (including positive and negative numbers), carry out calculations with whole numbers and decimals using the four operations (add, subtract, multiply, divide) and multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000 and use place value confidently.</p> <p>If you require more specific information about your young person, please contact me directly via class dojo.</p>	<p>Some Y11's will focus on strengthening and embedding the English skills they have already been taught, with an emphasis on ensuring these are practical and functional for everyday life. The aim is to build their confidence in reading and writing so that they can apply these skills effectively in real-world situations, such as further study, employment, or independent living. By consolidating key areas, your child will be supported to leave school feeling secure in their ability to communicate clearly and successfully.</p> <p>Some Y11's will be working towards Functional Skills English Level 1 will be focusing on consolidating their existing skills and addressing any gaps in their knowledge. Lessons will provide opportunities to revisit key areas of reading and writing, ensuring that learners feel confident in applying their skills to a variety of real-world and exam-style tasks. There will be a particular emphasis on accuracy, clarity and fluency in both written communication and reading comprehension. In preparation for the Level 1 qualification, young people will practise applying their skills to a range of texts and contexts, developing their ability to identify information, interpret meaning and produce well-structured written responses. The aim is to build their confidence and ensure they are fully prepared for the demands of the final assessment.</p> <p>If you require more specific information about your young person, please contact me directly via class dojo.</p>



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	Young people in Y11, will also undergo lots of college visits to support their knowledge and understanding of post-16 and be supported in choosing the best college place for them.
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