



# White Spire School

## Autumn Term

Welcome back Key Stage Four! We have an exciting year ahead with new projects via our option choices and interesting accreditations to demonstrate our learning. Everything you do will help you get ready for the world of work and ensure you have as many choices as possible here at White Spire or onwards towards College.

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## Curriculum

### English

- Students will be developing their reading skills by studying the book, 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'. This will support the topic detectives which is a Step Up to English Qualification. They will continue with work on spelling, grammar and writing skills. Our goal is to help pupils to develop the expertise they need for the world of work, and functional literacy skills for daily life. The use of a set style of exam questioning will be used throughout project work incorporating English into diverse situations.

### Maths

- This term we are focusing on the four operations in the AQA accreditation and some pupils will be doing functional skills at Level 1. We believe that these are vital skills for the world of work and are also of great importance in everyday tasks. Measurement will be incorporated into project work enabling pupils to make links in different situations.

### Science

- We will investigate the human body during the Autumn term. Some pupils will investigate Chemistry in our world dependant on the level of qualification.

### Cooking

- We believe cooking is an important life skill and students will learn the basic skills they need to develop this. This term they are designing and making a healthy snack product.

### PSHCE

- This is a vital part of our curriculum and is divided into three themes. Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in the Wider World. In the Autumn term we will be exploring, My identity and skills, Variety of Relationships and The Law, Me and my community.

### PE

- We will continue to take part in individual and competitive games.

### RE

- The focus this term is on Judaism and Christianity. We will start off looking at Gender, Relationships and Religion in Judaism.

### Option Blocks

- Pupils could choose between the following subjects and immerse themselves in a guided project. The projects interweave skills and make relevant links enhancing our pupils awareness of how the world works. Links are made with our Maths, English and computing accreditations. One group study computing discretely.

A – Art, D of E, Hair and Beauty or I.T

B – Construction, Gardening and Performing Arts.

## New School Year



## Clubs

Our weekly clubs will continue this term and will focus on a variety of social skills and activities. Any ideas for clubs are always welcome.



## Trips

We hope to have regular trips out as part of our project working. Please check your child's planner regularly for information and dates on forthcoming visits.

## Attendance

We believe regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Please help us by supporting good attendance.

## PE Kit and uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled. They need a plain white t-shirt, dark bottoms and a separate dark sweatshirt.

## Forthcoming Events:

- Coffee Morning
- Parents Evening
- No Pens Day



*Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on the dates.*