

Ace Day Thursday 7th February 2019

Year 7

Performing and Visual Arts

Using the theme of 'The Lion King', students will participate in several workshops looking at musical theatre. There will be a focus on teamwork and participation as they learn how the different aspects fit together to create an amazing final product. Practical activities will include making masks, dance workshops and singing.

Year 8

Save the Children

Our year 8 Save the Children Ace day has run for the last 4 years and this year is going to be bigger and better than ever, as this year is the charities centenary! Part of the success has always been the amazing sixth formers that have helped to run the day for our year 8 students. The day is run at both Olney and Newport Pagnell campus and is supported by staff from Save the Children head office.

During the day all Year 8 students will have an assembly from a speaker from Save the Children.

They will also have a session on building a shelter in a refugee camp and take part in a competition on designing a new logo for the charity.

The final two sessions are going to be workshops on the Yemen crisis and the how pens can be powerful campaign. These will be delivered by our sixth formers who have been trained by Save the Children.

Save the Children has been working with the government to ensure that the Yemen crisis and the children of Yemen are supported by the British government and they are raising the big issues on an international stage. Save the Children has invited 10 Ousedale students to parliament on 19th March 2019. Students will get a tour around the House of Commons, and to meet their local MP and they will also get to meet senior staff from Save the Children. We have decided that 4 students will be year 8 students who impress us on the day with their input and the quality of their work. We are hoping to select 2 year 8 students from Newport Pagnell and 2 from Olney. There will also be prizes for the best logo designs both at Newport Pagnell and Olney as selected by the Save the Children Staff.

Year 9

Shakespeare!

Year 9 will be immersing themselves in all things Shakespearian for their Ace Day. There will be visits to both Stratford upon Avon and the Globe as well as a range of activities taking place in school, included a performance from a visiting theatre company.

Year 10

Students have been allocated time to work on various aspects related to their option block 2 subjects, as follows:

Art

Year 10 GCSE students will be taking part in a photography workshop learning the basics around taking a photo; looking at lighting basics and coloured lighting to create mood and atmosphere.

Computing

Encryption challenge! This will begin with a review of the history of encryption from ancient techniques to 20th Century WWII ciphers.

Students will then be making and using an Enigma machine to encode and decode secret messages and considering the mathematical implications. The day will end with a treasure hunt using all the techniques learnt through the day.

Creative Media

Students will be spending the day film-making based on the requirements of Unit 3 of the BTEC First Award. They will be looking at techniques beyond the requirements of the specification in order to achieve professional results.

They will also give some time to reviewing previous work completed in class.

Drama

The day will focus on component 1 of the GCSE – both practical work and coursework.

Design Technology

Students will be increasing their modelling skills and metal theory along with the manufacture of a screw driver to practise skills.

Engineering

Students will focus on their coursework, completing a series of mini tasks to support skill development.

Enterprise

Students will have the opportunity to refine and enhance BTEC coursework. In addition to this, preparations will begin for the next component of learning, finding out what it takes to set up and run their own small enterprise.

French

Students will be planning a trip to a destination in France featuring a local festival and presenting a sales pitch for their trip to the rest of the group.

Geography

Students will be working on their human fieldwork. This is an important aspect of the course which feeds directly in to their unit 3 exam. On the day students will work through the planning, data collection, and presentation stages of their fieldwork. Using this information they will then be able to analyse their findings and subsequently give an overall conclusion. This will be assessed as part of the end of year 10 exams in the summer term.

Food and Nutrition

Food groups will be looking at PH levels, the preparation of chicken and the creation of foams with relation to theory for the course.

Hospitality & Catering

We will be creating a mock restaurant. Students will experience what it is like to cook for and host paying guests.

Health& Social Care

Students will start the day by finding out about careers in Health & Social care. They will have several presentations from professionals in this field of work. They will then look at factors affecting health and wellbeing, which links to Unit 3 of the course.

Music

Students will attend a performance and composition workshop based on Haydn's 'Clock' Symphony 101. Students will perform excerpts of the symphony in a classroom ensemble and will compose music for their own instrument, inspired by the work.

Spanish

Students will be planning a trip to a Spanish speaking country and presenting a sales pitch for their trip to the rest of the group

Sports Studies

Students will be taking part in various practical activities that form part of their GCSE requirements.

Year 11

Science Exam preparation

All year 11 students will be working in science on Ace day. They will be focusing on the increased mathematical content of the new specifications, as well as tackling some required practicals.

Year 12

Careers Day

Year 12 have a focus on careers. We are lucky to have volunteers from a range of professions joining us for the day – they will be taking part in a careers fair as well as some rounds of speed interviewing. There will also be talks on apprenticeships and university applications; once students have collected a wealth of information they will put it to good use by creating an action plan to help them focus on their goals.

Year 13

Get it done!

Students will have created their own bespoke programme for the day. This will include a mixture of revision sessions, coursework tasks to complete and other things that need doing! They will set goals to achieve during the day, and reflect on their successes in the afternoon.