

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 7

Subject	PSHE/Citizenship	Why do we study these units in year 7?
Lessons per fortnight	3	Our engaging and diverse year 7 curriculum is designed to build on the knowledge already acquired in primary school, focusing on developing key skills as well as enhancing student's wider knowledge and understanding of the world. At our core we aim to encourage students to be independent thinkers, forming their own views to develop reasoned arguments whilst valuing and respecting the opinions of others. Our curriculum celebrates difference and promotes tolerance in all areas of life.
Setting	Mixed	

Students are encouraged to be Responsible Global Citizens through activities/content on: Impact of having unhealthy lifestyle choices as part of their Health and well-being unit (3); being able to manage risks and make informed decisions linked to living in the wider world; skills and qualities that use analytical skills that are required for effective employment and economic Growth (8).

We ensure all students experience high challenge through the exploration of higher order thinking and the encouragement of wider reading that stimulates students to think 'outside of the box' when forming opinions.

Literacy is fully embedded into our curriculum and is evident in everything we do. Each unit we study has a clear key vocab list to support learning. We ensure we use specialist terminology and language when delivering lessons as well as during class discussion and in the feedback of students' work.

Innovation and Creativity opportunities include a range of strategies for students to share their ideas including whole class presentations, starting mini campaigns and challenging those in power at a school level. We encourage our students to be innovators and to stand up for what they believe in using democratic methods to voice their opinions.

Employability opportunities/skills is a strand we deliver in year 7. We use an online career platform 'UNIFROG' to log and record students enterprising skills and activities across each year. We support students to identify skills and personal qualities needed to be successful in employment and to recognise what employers look for in an employee. Students are informed of the potential for future courses and qualification routes and set goals for themselves.

Unit title	Knowledge and understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
Unit 1: Safeguarding	PSHE: Internet Safety Personal Safety inc Road/Walking alone	Identify Apply Resilience Explore Reflect Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 2: Diversity & Identity	Citizenship: Understanding differences – Equalities Act Stereotypes Disabilities Bullying Sharing cultures Identity & Influences	Identify Evaluate Explore Question Reflect Empathy Oracy Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 3: Relationship & Sex Education	PSHE:	Identify Explore	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz

	Friendship – factors that can affect inc. Misogyny Reproductive Organs Puberty Emotions	Empathy Question	
Unit 4: Democracy & Media	Citizenship: British Values Human Rights Political Parties Campaigning & Voting Media – Fake News	Identify Explore Making Decisions Evaluate Question Apply Oracy	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 5: Careers Education & Finance	PSHE: UNIFROG Skills & Qualities Exploring Careers Goal Setting Bank accounts	Identify Reflect Assertive Question Goal Setting Explore Numeracy Managing Risks Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 6: Law & Justice System	Citizenship: What is a law? Civil and Criminal Law Right and the Police	Identify Evaluate Question Apply Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment

Unit 7: Drugs Education	PSHE: What are drugs? Alcohol – the effects & the Law	Identify Explore Question Resilience Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 8: Healthy Me	PSHE: First Aid – Bleeding Personal & Dental Hygiene Healthy Eating Mental Health – Anxiety & Depression	Identify Apply Evaluate Reflect Empathy Making Decisions Resilience Assertive Self-Regulation	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz