

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 8

Subject	PSHE/Citizenship	Why do we study these units in year 8?
Lessons per fortnight	3	Our engaging and diverse Year 8 curriculum develops the knowledge, skills and attributes all students need in order to keep healthy and safe. It helps prepare students for life and work in modern Britain. Students are encouraged to apply their knowledge and understanding whilst developing skills to research and interrogate evidence, before presenting reasoned arguments. Whilst instilling the importance of being respectful to differences of opinions.
Setting	Mixed	

Students are encouraged to be Responsible Global Citizens through activities/content on: being competent to perform lifesaving skills (CPR) as part of Health and well-being unit (3); understanding that we are legally held accountable for our actions, therefore are required to manage risks and make informed decisions; exploring the Labour Market Index (LMI), using 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 learners 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 8. We use an online career platform 'UNIFROG' to log and record students enterprising skills and activities across each year. We explore the term 'Industry Sectors' and utilise the skills/qualities the student has identified into researching potential career prospects.

Unit title	Knowledge and understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
Unit 1: Safeguarding	PSHE: Managing devices Coercive Friendships Water Safety	Identify Apply Resilience Reflect Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 2: Diversity & Identity	Citizenship: Multiculturalism Challenging those in power Queerphobia in Sport Migration.	Identify Evaluate Explore Question Reflect Empathy Oracy Making Decisions	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment

Unit 3: Relationship & Sex Education	PSHE: Sexual Consent Sex & The Law Sexting FGM Healthy Vs Unhealthy Relationships	Identify Explore Empathy Question Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 4: Democracy & Media	Citizenship: Types of Government Media Responsibilities How to hold people to account	Identify Explore Making Decisions Evaluate Question Apply Oracy	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 5: Careers Education & Finance	PSHE: UNIFROG Industry Sectors Enterprising Skills Borrowing Money Budgeting & Saving	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: Youth Crime Youth Offenders Sentencing & Punishments	Identify Evaluate Apply Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 7: Drugs Education	PSHE: Smoking Vaping Cannabis Effects of drug use	Identify Explore Question Resilience Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 8: Healthy Me	PSHE: First Aid – CPR Vaccinations Allergies & Asthma	Identify Apply Evaluate Reflect Empathy Making Decisions Resilience Assertive Self-Regulation	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz

