

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 9

Subject	PSHE/Citizenship	Why do we study these units in year 9?
Lessons per fortnight	3	In year 9, we aim to deepen an understanding of the world they live and the role they play in that world. Empowering them to challenge and make persuasive 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: being an Active Citizen and awareness of being an ally as part of the Democracy unit; managing our resilience/stress levels as part of Health and well-being (3), equipping our students with the relevant skills needed to be confident when communication with real employers (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 9. Students reflect on the skills and qualities, transferring this information into a CV. Students will have the opportunity to apply their interview techniques in mock interviews with a range of external volunteers. With an overall aim of preparing them for the world of work, with one week's work placement in Year 10.

Unit title	Knowledge and understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
Unit 1: Safeguarding	PSHE: Gangs County Lines Grooming Safety near train tracks	Identify Apply Resilience Reflect Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 2: Diversity & Identity	Citizenship: Exploring types of racism Allyship Activism in Bristol	Identify Evaluate Explore Question Reflect Empathy Oracy	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment

		Making Decisions	
Unit 3: Relationship & Sex Education	PSHE: Consent STIS Contraception Misogyny	Identify Explore Empathy Question Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 4: Democracy & Media	Citizenship: Pressure Groups Voting Age Being an Active Citizen	Identify Explore Making Decisions Evaluate Question Apply Oracy	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 5: Careers Education & Finance	PSHE: UNIFROG CV writing Interview Preparation	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: Equality Act 2010 Hate Crime Adult Courts Sentencing Mock Trial	Identify Evaluate Apply Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Teacher Assessment
Unit 7: Drugs Education	PSHE: Illegal Drugs Drug – The Law Drug Addiction & Treatment	Identify Explore Question Resilience Making Decisions Managing Risk	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz
Unit 8: Healthy Me	PSHE: Eating Disorders Sleep Stress Men's mental health	Identify Apply Evaluate Reflect Empathy Making Decisions Resilience Assertive Self-Regulation	Self & Peer Assessment Knowledge based multiple choice quiz

