Personal Development Curriculum Overview 2022-2023

	Block 1 Physical Heath (7 weeks)	Block 2 Mental Health (6 weeks)	Block 3 Intimate Relationships and Sexual Health (7 weeks)	Block 4 Relationships (5 weeks)	Block 5 Democracy, British Values and the Law (6 weeks)	Block 6 Careers, Enterprise and Finance (7 weeks)
Year 7	- Health eating and diet - How to maintain healthy eating and the links between a poor diet and health risks, including eating disorders and obesity - The importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and how a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body — including different types of sanitary products - Personal hygiene — why is it important and how can it prevent the spread of infection? - Introduction on vapes — what are they and some potential health impacts.	- Confidence building - Anger management - How to recognise the early signs of mental wellbeing issues - The positive associations between physical activity and promotion of mental wellbeing, including as an approach to combat stress - Mental health awareness for young people (where do you find help) - Common types of mental ill health	- What constitutes sexual contact? What constitutes inappropriate behaviour? An introduction to grooming and consent Different types of sexuality and how this is different from gender identity How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship.	- That there are different types of relationships – including friendships and committed relationships. (Details of both marriage and civil partnership) - How to find good friends Think before we speak - Different types of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders and how and where to get help Stereotypes – in particular sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability – and how they can cause damage.	- What are the British values and what are the benefits of British values to society? - What is an MP and how do you become one? - Hate crime – Level 1 – What is a hate crime and how do we show mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs What is the rule of law?	- Budgeting – managing personal money (needs vs wants) The cost of living – how to ensure we are being respectful of the money we have Tax – how do we pay tax? Why should we pay tax? How is our tax used?
Year 8	- The facts about legal (alcohol) substances and illegal substances, including drug-taking, and the associated risks, including the link to serious mental health conditions - Awareness of the dangers of drugs which are prescribed but still present serious health risks - Substance misuse - Exercise – the benefits - Dental health - Legalities of vapes being sold in the UK – which ones are illegal and why.	- Self harming - How to talk about their emotions accurately and sensitively, using appropriate vocabulary - Triggers for mental health issues - How to critically evaluate when something they do or are involved in has a positive or negative effect on their own or others' mental health	- How can pregnancy occur? What are the methods of preventing pregnancy? - The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage - That there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help) That there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others.	- How relationships contribute to human happiness and their importance for bringing up children - Gender equality - Violence and abuse within relationships (including FGM) - The characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (both on and offline) including: trust, respect, honesty, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationship.	- Violence and exploitation by gangs - Extremism/radicalisation – Level 1 - Fighting against discrimination - Individual liberty – how laws support this? - The law relating to the supply and possession of illegal substances and weapons.	- A levels verses T levels – how can these lead onto different jobs? - What skills do I need for different jobs? (Management, people, time keeping, organisation etc.) - Employer vs employee

Year 9	- Alcohol and smoking – the problems caused by them and the benefits of quitting - What to do in medical emergencies? - Facts about wider issues such as organ/blood donation - The risks of an inactive lifestyle	- Influence of social media on mental health - Interacting with others suffering mental health issues - Eating disorders - Mindfulness and dealing with stress	- How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing Online behaviours including image and information sharing (including 'sexting', youth-produced sexual imagery, nudes, etc. and the dangers of excessive pornography use - Harassment and assault, rape and avoiding grooming.	- How to: determine whether peers, adults or sources of information are trustworthy, judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationships is unsafe (and to recognise this in others' relationships); and, how to seek help or advice, including reporting concerns about others, if needed Arranged marriage vs Forced marriage - Cat fishing - What constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable Building good relationships with parents.	- The rights of refugees - Hate crime Level 2 – Equality laws - racism, sexism, homophobic, ageism, disability etc Democracy and Elections – Type, rights and responsibilities Criminal exploitation/county lines	- How to search and apply for colleges? - How to prepare for an interview – how to look professional at all times The importance of saving money - Things to consider when setting up a business
Year 10	- Cooking healthily/ balancing your diet - Personal hygiene – Level 2 - Addiction and the impact on sleep (e.g. phones, gaming, scrolling (e.g.TikTok))	- How drugs and alcohol link to mental health issues (with links at addiction and the impacts of dependency) - Unpicking the stigma – getting people to talk and share experiences - How to recognise the early signs of mental wellbeing issues and anxiety (level 2)	- Pornography and the dangers linked to having healthy relationship That they have the choice to delay sex and to enjoy intimacy without sex - How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment Consent – a recap and legal points.	- How can social media affect relationships? - How to identify harmful behaviours online (including bullying, abuse or harassment) and how to report, or get support, if they have been affected by those behaviours Building new relationships — building confidence.	- How to promote tolerance of others Differing political ideologies — right, left and middle - Age limits and laws	- Post 16 choices – road mapping the future - Volunteering options to help with college admissions - Borrowing money – credit cards, mortgages etc How to search and apply for university and apprenticeship (post-18) - Getting ready for life – what skills do I need to develop further for my chosen career?
Year 11	- The benefits of regular self- examination - How to use prescribed medicines properly? (E.g. antibiotics and resistance) - Vaccinations – how to protect yourself and others around you.	- Getting ready for life – securing good future mental health - That happiness is linked to being connected with others - The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation and voluntary and service-based activities on mental wellbeing and happiness - Dealing with mental health issues caused by exam stress	TBC	- How to build professional relationships and the differences between these and personal relationships How good communication can help with all aspects of relationships Where to find help on relationship issues in the future.		

NB – There will be an additional topic covered at the start of the academic year addressing sexual harassment within schools. Issues surrounding this will then be covered again in Block 3 and Block 4.