

## Personal Development – Living in the Wider World Spring 1: The Wider World

**Headteacher - Caroline Lowing**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Safeguarding Curriculum, Personal Development (PD) ensures that students develop the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe, thrive academically, and prepare for life beyond school. In Spring 1, Year 10 students study Living in the Wider World, focusing on careers, independence, financial skills and responsible participation in society.

### Why This Matters in Year 10

At this stage, students are beginning to think seriously about future pathways, work experience, careers and post-16 decisions. This term helps them understand the world of work, financial responsibilities, and the importance of making informed, safe and responsible choices as they approach adulthood.

### This Half-Term's Topics

(From the Year 10 Living in the Wider World programme)

Your child will explore themes such as:

1. Skills, interests and planning for future careers
2. Work experience preparation and understanding employer expectations
3. Financial literacy, budgeting and managing financial risk
4. Rights, responsibilities and the law in relation to work
5. Online identity, digital footprints and managing professional reputation
6. Balancing ambition, wellbeing and realistic goal-setting

Lessons are delivered using high-quality, age-appropriate resources to ensure clarity, sensitivity and relevance for students preparing for Key Stage 5.

### Intended Impact

By the end of the term, students will:

1. Have a clearer understanding of post-16 routes and career pathways
2. Be better prepared for work experience and future employment
3. Understand financial risk, budgeting and responsible money management

4. Recognise how online behaviour affects future opportunities

5. Build confidence, aspiration and independence as they prepare for adulthood

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare Year 10 for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Warm regards,

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