

Personal Development - Curriculum Map

INTENT STATEMENTS

The development of the 'whole child' lies at the heart of everything we do. Our Personal Development curriculum is designed to create learners that are confident, resilient, and independent, who will continue to thrive in an everchanging world beyond the gates of Darwen Vale High School. Our ambitious Personal Development programme is driven by our 'Aldridge Attributes' and aims to ensure equality of access for all pupils to everything that the world has to offer, regardless of their starting points. We therefore provide expert guidance in careers and further education, to ensure all students have access to university or a real alternative. We support our students to become active citizens who make positive contributions to society through our 'Character Curriculum', which explicitly teaches our students the 'soft skills' required to flourish inside and outside of school. When crafting our bespoke Personal Development curriculum, we have consulted local data sources in order to meet the needs of our specific community, ensuring no child is left behind. As a result of this, we take special care to ensure that curriculum is tailored to our local priorities by working closely with all stakeholders, the safeguarding and behaviour teams, and consulting local health data. For example, we liaise weekly with Mr A. Bradley (Assistant Principal – Safeguarding) to ensure that we, as the Personal Development team, are responding to issues that are arising promptly. Recent examples include a session in tutor time that responded to the rise of 'Sexting'.

The Personal Development curriculum is led by Mr F. Redfern (Assistant Principal – Personal Development) and can be broken down into three key strands.

- 1. Character Curriculum (Vale Values/Assemblies/World Calendar) led by Miss J. Gardner.
- 2. Enrichment activities (Clubs/ 100 Things at Vale/Student Leadership) led by Mr D. Smalley.
- 3. CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) led by Mr N. Miele.

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Year 7 Term 1 (September to December) Vale Values / PSHE	
Half T	<u>erm 1</u>
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers All About me Students will focus on the following areas: Managing change and being resilient Identifying personal strengths and areas for development School community /expectations Good friends and negative peer pressure E-safety and introduction to online dangers Knife crime	Students will have previous knowledge and experiences from Primary School. Students build on new and previous learning to identify strategies that can be used to develop resilience. Students will understand how resilience will help them to approach new situations, people or experiences with confidence and a positive mindset, which will make them more likely to succeed.

Half Term 2	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Health & Puberty Students will focus on the following areas:	This unit introduces the key concepts of puberty and aims to build students' confidence and awareness of their bodies. During this unit students will build on their knowledge base about managing change and being resilient, looking at personal hygiene and how to manage the changes of puberty, before moving on to look at consent and FGM and then self-esteem. Health services 'Brook' from Blackburn with Darwen come into school for class workshops with students.



Year 7 Term 2 (January to April)	
Half ⁻	<u>Гегт 3</u>
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers Multicultural Britain	
Students will focus on the following areas:	This unit takes an in depth look at and celebrates the different aspects that make Britain multi-cultural. Students will be exploring
 Individual Identities Equality & Protected Characteristics Discrimination What is Cultural Capital World Religions 	British values and applying them to everyday life. During this unit students will build on their knowledge base about people's individual identities, characteristics, discrimination and religions of the UK and the rest of the world

Half Term 4	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Building Relationships	
Students will focus on the following areas:	This unit builds on the themes introduced in the Year 7 HT1 unit 'All About Me'. It starts by examining different types of relationships and
 Types of Relationships 	comparing the features of both healthy and
 Toxic Relationships 	toxic relationships. It then moves on to bullying,
 Types of Bullying 	examining types of bullying and the reasons
 Why people Bully, Bystanders and 	why a person might display bullying behaviour.
Upstanders	Finally, it looks at the difference between
 Banter or Bullying, Toxic Relationships 	bullying and banter and the qualities expected
 Am I Normal, When something's not 	in a good friend. Support is signposted
right	throughout, particularly in the final lesson
	which examines the concept of 'being normal'
	and has recommendations of ways that
	students can support others who may be
	affected by bullying or toxic friendships.



Year 7 Term 3 (May to July)	
Half T	<u>'erm 5</u>
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Staying Safe: Drugs & Alcohol Students will focus on the following areas: Substance misuse The effects of alcohol The effects of smoking and vaping The effects of energy drinks and sugar County lines	This Unit is about allowing students to understand the effect drugs and alcohol can have on the body, especially as it develops. It will explore the relationship between habit and dependence and discuss the difficult topic of addiction. Students should complete the unit being able to make their own informed decisions, after knowing the facts regarding drugs and alcohol.

Half Term 6	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Futures: Employment &	
Finance Students will focus on the following areas:	During this unit, students gain an introduction to understanding careers and their future. This unit allows students to understand how their education and journey will provide them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their future career and help them navigate all the options available to them in the years ahead.



Year 8 Term 1 (September to December) Vale Values /PSHE	
Half Term 1	
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers Mental Health & Wellbeing Students will focus on the following areas: O Mental Health O Body Image O Healthy Eating O Periods O What is cancer O Grooming & CSE	This unit looks at more complex elements of puberty and health, and the implication this has on young people's wellbeing. It builds on the Year 7 Health & Puberty unit (HT2) where the key concepts of puberty were introduced. During this unit students will build on their knowledge base about puberty and wellbeing, looking at periods and the menstrual cycle, healthy eating and body image, before moving on to look at bullying, child abuse and cancer.

Half Term 2		
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>	
	discrimination. They study what being a member of multicultural Britain means.	



Year 8 Term 2 (January to April)	
Half T	<u>'erm 3</u>
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers Respectful Relationships Students will focus on the following areas: Healthy Relationships Is it love? Ending relationships Divorce and separation Loss and bereavement Coping with grief	This unit builds on the themes introduced in the Year 7 HT4 unit 'Building Relationships'. It starts by examining different types of relationships and comparing the features of both healthy and toxic relationships as well as looking at the importance of setting boundaries in relationships. It then moves on to looking at the reasons why a relationship may end, including separation and divorce. Finally, it looks at grief and bereavement, examining closely the emotions and thought processes involved in dealing with loss. Support is signposted throughout, particularly in the final lesson which encourages students to think about ways that they can support both themselves and others who may be affected by grief or loss in a relationship.

Half 1	<u>[erm 4</u>
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers First Aid & Health	
Students will focus on the following areas: First Aid Bleeding Choking Head injuries Asthma and allergies Healthy Lifestyles	This unit introduces the key concepts of basic First Aid so that students can understand the basics of this vitally important skill set. The final lesson of the unit revisits the idea of keeping healthy through the lens of a healthy, balanced diet and general practices for wellbeing



	Year 8 Term 3 (May to July)	
	<u>Half Term 5</u>	
Seque	nce of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This ha	lf-term covers UK Democracy	
Studen	its will focus on the following areas:	This unit builds on Year 7, where students took an in-depth look at themselves and how they manage themselves within their communities.
0	Introduction to Democracy in UK and Main Political Parties	During this unit, students develop thinking from their own perspective, and move into the way
0	General Elections, inc campaigning, voting and the process	that the society is set up, what British Values are and how these are demonstrated through
0	House of Commons and House of Lords	the government, politics and the 'Green
0	Introduction to British Values	Agenda', which is particularly relevant to our
0	The Green Agenda/COP 2	young people.

Half Term 6	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Futures: Next Steps &	
Careers	During this unit, students will start to identify
Students will focus on the following areas:	employability skills that they will need for their futures. They will gain an understanding of how these employability skills and attributes will link
Aldridge Attributes & Employability	with careers, and how they help shape their personal brand/identity. Students will be given
Skills O Who am I?	the chance to explore more about themselves,
My passions & Enrichment	develop their self-awareness and start to
 Introduction to Post 16/18 Options 	identify their core values that forms who they
 Labour Market Information (LMI) 	are.
 One Future, Multiple Careers 	
 Net Zero Careers 	



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Half Term 2	
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers Sexual Relationships	
 Students will focus on the following areas: Commitment Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Types of Relationship Assumptions about consent, withdrawing consent. Why have sex? Masturbation, STIs and contraception. Sharing sexual images & the consequences 	This unit builds on the themes introduced in the Year 7 HT4 unit 'Building Relationships' and then developed further in the Year 8 HT3 unit 'Respectful Relationships'. It starts by examining what is meant by commitment, both personally and within a relationship. It then revisits the concept of sexual orientation and gender identity before looking at consent in terms of sexual relationships. Finally, it looks at sex including masturbation, STIs and contraception, as well as the emotional side of having a healthy and fulfilling sexual relationship. This unit covers several sensitive issues and support, and further information is signposted throughout.



Year 9 Term 2 (.	January to April)
Half 1	Term 3
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Diversity: Disability & Neurodiversity Futures: Year 9 Options Students will focus on the following areas:	Throughout this unit, students will cover two different topics- Diversity: disability and neurodiversity and Futures. This unit builds on previous diversity lessons, then moves into the 'Futures' agenda, to give students significant input to make sound decisions when they leave school. In Year 8 (HT2) students learnt about LGBTQ+-the celebrations and the discriminations. Students further enhanced their knowledge and understanding through looking at love, sexual orientation and gender identity. In Year 10 (HT6), students will further develop their diversity knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ+; explore and discuss women's rights and the #Me Too agenda. This will lead naturally into consumer rights and advertising.



	Year 9 Term 3 (May to July)	
	Half Term 5	
Seque	nce of Learning	Rationale
This ha	lf-term covers Citizenship: My Rights &	This unit builds on Year 8 where students were
the Lav	N	introduced to democracy in the UK. During this
		unit, students begin to learn and discuss their
Studen	its will focus on the following areas:	own rights and the responsibilities that come
		with these rights, how the law impacts them as
0	Rights and Responsibilities	young people, and what happens if you break
0	Introduction to the Rule of Law	the law. Students get to explore in more detail
0	UK Law Making	the British Value- 'The Rule of Law' and how
0	UN Convention on Rights of the Child	society interprets the law, the impact of
0	Crime and Impact	breaking the law on communities and how the
0	Prisons, Reform and Punishment	UK attempts to encourage people to follow the
		law. This is an opportunity to debate the rights
		and wrongs of law and reform.

	Half Te	erm 6
Seque	nce of Learning	Rationale
	on Making	During this unit, students will have an overview of a variety of financial information that will
Studer	its will focus on the following areas:	help prepare them for their future, both during and post education. Students will gain practical tolls to help them manage their money
0 0 0	Managing Money & Budgeting Bank Accounts Credit Cards vs Debit Cards Mortgages vs Renting Student Finance Foreign Currencies & Eychange Rates	effectively by using tools to help them budget and understand the terminology used in finance. Students will gain awareness of the dangers of data sharing, the importance of insurance and
0	Foreign Currencies & Exchange Rates Insurance	how to protect themselves online with a view to ensuring they can manage their money without coming into problems or pitfalls. This unit will also help students understand the different markets in both credit and debit cards as well as housing. Students will gain a full understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of both forms of housing, and the financial implications linked to those choices. Supporting students to be aware of debt, and what support services are available to help you navigate debt should it become a problem is also provided



Year 10 Term 1 (September to December) Vale Values /PSHE Half Term 1	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Addressing Radicalisation & Extremism Students will focus on the following areas: Extremism Radicalisation Terrorism Rights Media Influence	During this unit, students will discuss and learn about the nature of extremism, terrorism and radicalisation in the UK today. They will analyse the effects on individuals and society, as well as understanding the legal position on free speech in the media. The unit will then develop into learning about how the media plays a part in radicalisation and where help is available from. This lesson will also allow learners to make links between legal protest and discuss when this can become illegal. Finally, as students learn about free speech this will create an opportunity to discuss the conflict between rights and responsibilities in modern Britain, and the role of tolerance in society.

Half Term 2	
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Staying Safe: Coercion & Control	This unit builds on Year 9 (HT5) where students
Students will focus on the following areas:	studied human rights and the law and explored drug addiction.
 Online Gambling Gambling Addiction Forced and Arranged Marriage HBV Modern Day Slavery 	During this unit, students learn about GPDR Laws, what data different agencies hold and how that data is used and protected. Students spend two lessons learning about gambling — what it is, why it can be fun but also the dangers and risks associated both with gambling and gambling addiction. Forced marriage and honour-based violence are two topics covered alongside learning about arranged marriage and that this form of marriage is morally acceptable and should not be confused with forced marriage which is illegal.



Year 10 Term 2	January to April)
Half 1	Ferm 3
Sequence of Learning	Rationale
This half-term covers Pregnancy Choices &	
Parenting	During this unit, students learn and discuss the
Students will focus on the following areas:	pros and cons of becoming parents at a young age.
Consent & ContraceptionPregnancy ChoicesParenthood	Students begin to discuss the three options that are available if they were to become pregnant and how important it is to get a broad and
Abortion, Laws, Practicalities, MoralsLove vs Abuse	balanced view of a situation before deciding about having a child.
○ Safe sex	There are several beneficial examples that can be used to deepen learners understanding such as the advantages and disadvantages of being young parents, the laws, practicalities, and Morals that surround the topic and to also be able to make an important, life changing decision.
	This unit also highlights what a healthy relationship looks like and builds on safe sex from Year 9 (HT2).

Half Term 4	
Rationale	
During this unit, students learn and discuss the nature of pornography, peoples' attitudes to pornography and the possible impacts of pornography as well as sexualisation in the media in general. Students will analyse the effects on individuals and society as well as understanding the legal position on pornography and sexualisation in social media. The exploration of sexual violence can be explored through cases such as Sarah Everard and the Me-Too movement. Also, students will learn about domestic abuse which will create an opportunity to look at the many aspects of controlling and abusive relationships and the	



Year 10 Term 3 (May to July)	
<u>Half T</u>	erm <u>5</u>
This half-term covers Emotional Health & Wellbeing Students will focus on the following areas: O Drugs O Alcohol O Tobacco/vapes Emotional health Mental health	This Unit is about allowing students to understand the effect drugs and alcohol can have on the body, especially as it develops. It will explore the relationship between habit and dependence and discuss the difficult topic of addiction. Students should complete the unit being able to make their own informed decisions, after knowing the facts regarding drugs and alcohol. The unit revisits the idea of keeping healthy through the lens of a healthy, balanced diet and general practices for wellbeing.

<u>Half Term 6</u>	
Sequence of Learning	<u>Rationale</u>
This half-term covers Diversity: LGBT+ ,	
Women's' Rights, Consumer Rights	Students will further develop their diversity
Students will focus on the following areas:	knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ+; explore and discuss women's rights and the #Me Too and Time's Up agendas. This leads to
 LGBTQ+ rights and law Me Too and Time's Up Women's rights Consumer rights 	consumer rights and targeted advertising. Although 4 lessons, this allows plenty of time to explore the themes through discussion as set out in the individual lessons.



Year 11 Half Term 1		
Sequence of Learning	Rationale	
This half-term covers Staying Safe: Cancer, Aesthetics, Digital/Online appearance Students will focus on the following areas:	Throughout this unit, students will learn about staying safe and being able to make knowledgeable decisions with the information that they are given. Students will be made aware of the symptoms and risk factors associated with Breast and testicular Cancer and know how to self-examine. Students will understand how and why the law on organ donation was changed in 202. Students will also be aware of blood donation, and other forms of donation, including stem cell donation and understand that there are different reasons why a person might choose or not choose to donate their organs or blood Students will explore the differences between aesthetic and cosmetic procedures and consider negative and positive effects of undertaking these procedures. Students will investigate a range of ways that prescription and over the counter drugs may be misused.	

Half Term 2		
Sequence of Learning	Rationale	
This half-term covers Diversity & Equality Globally Students will focus on the following areas: O Post 16 Options and applications O Applications & Personal Statements O Interview Skills O LGBTQ+ Rights Across the world O Education Across the World	Throughout this unit, students will further explore human rights, that include LGBTQ+ rights as well as education across the world. Students will start the unit with an exploration and commitment to their own education through ensuring that they have all the knowledge, skills and time to apply for their chosen next steps.	

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Year 11 Term 2 (January to April)		
Half Term 3		
Sequence of Learning	Rationale	
This half-term covers Emotional & Mental		
Wellbeing	During this unit, Students will learn and discuss	
Students will focus on the following areas:	why wellbeing is essential for Students' overall growth. This unit empowers Students with the tools and knowledge to navigate life's challenges effectively. By understanding what wellbeing entails and how to maintain it, Students will be better equipped to lead healthier, more balanced lives. In today's digital age, social media has a significant influence on Students' lives. It can impact self-esteem, body image, and overall mental health. Addressing the relationship between social media and wellbeing will help students make informed choices about their online interactions and promote a healthier online/offline balance. Societal and personal expectations can place pressure on Students, contributing to stress and anxiety. By exploring the concept of expectations and discussing how to manage them, Students can gain insight into the importance of setting realistic goals and maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Incorporating these areas of focus into the curriculum not only acknowledges the challenges students face but also equips them with essential life skills.	

Year 11 Term 3 (May to July)		
<u>Half Term 5</u>		
This ha	alf-term covers all topics from this year.	Rationale
Studer	nts will focus on the following areas:	During this unit students will re-visit all the
0	Staying Safe: Cancer, Aesthetics, Digital/Online appearance	topics from the academic year and be re-taught the key information to make sure they have all the applicable knowledge and skills for when
0	Diversity & Equality Globally	they leave school.
0	Emotional & Mental Wellbeing	,
0	Exam/Study skills, Coping with stress.	