



Overview

Students studying Citizenship in Year 9 will begin studying the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) module. This directly links to previous PSHE topics students have studied in Y7 and Y8 such as the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. We believe that teaching students about RSE in Term 1 of Y9 is the most age-appropriate time. Moving into the Spring Term students begin to develop an understanding of the media and how it has an impact on our lives. Here, students investigate the impact of social media specifically, and are taught about the risks associated with mental health. Furthermore, students will also need to consider their responsibilities online and using social media, when studying sharing personal images and harmful content online. Finally, Y9 students will study 'functions and uses of money', which equips them with the financial skills that will support them in adulthood, encouraging students to make sensible choices in borrowing and learning how to budget according to income.

Term 1: PSHE and RSE

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- 1- Consent and sexual relationships
- 2- Reproductive health, miscarriage, and fertility
- 3- Contraception
- 4- STI's
- 5- Characteristics of positive romantic relationships

Assessment:

Checkpoint 1- students will have an overall knowledge checkpoint quiz to assess their holistic knowledge and understanding.

Term 2: The impact of the media

Topics covered within the Y9 Impact of the Media module:

- 1- The law relating to consent and sharing personal images
- 2- The impact of harmful content online and in media
- 3- How the media affects voting in the UK
- 4- Brexit

Assessment:

Checkpoint 2- students will produce an extended answer to the question 'Everything we hear, read and see in the media is not true.' How far do you agree with the statement?

Term 3: Functions and uses of money

Topics covered within the Y9 Functions and Uses of Money module:

- 1- Budgeting and managing risk
- 2- Understanding financial terms; credit and debt
- 3- Financial risks and rewards; investments
- 4- Student loans
- 5- How public money is raised and spent

Assessment:

Checkpoint 3- students will produce an extended answer to the question 'It is better to raise taxes for all than to reduce spending on public services.' How far do you agree with the statement?

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Y9 Citizenship Knowledge Organiser
- Oak National Academy- KS3 Citizenship
- BBC Bitesize- PSHE and Citizenship
- BBC Teach Videos
- Being aware of the news and current affairs