

## "Ready for my Future"

Our focus within KS4 is to ensure our young people are 'Ready for my Future'. Using independence skills gained in KS3 they will be able to, some with support, make decisions to aid them in their future. Our young people will be building on strategies to support their own emotional and social well-being and use these skills to access work experience. The curriculum is designed to allow the choice of specialist options to assist them moving forward, improving skills and knowledge in different areas of the curriculum, to ensure they are 'Ready for my Future'. They will continue to build on these skills moving forward to 6th form or college.

## Self-Management, Conduct and Rewards

We continue to expect good conduct in KS4. You will gain reward points for attendance, equipment, uniform, and effort. Green cards are rewarded for something 'above and beyond' what is expected. Points will be deducted for negative conduct and plenty of warning is given before we issue a red card - this results in a lunch or after-school reflection.

Conduct and attendance are rewarded - we organise a reward visit each term, for those with a certain amount of points and beyond. Past trips have been Lazer Quest, Safari park, Picnic and Pizza in the park. We all have a lot of fun in KS4!

## Uniform

Students MUST wear the correct uniform to school. This does NOT include trainers or slogan hoodies. These can be worn at breaks and lunch but they will be asked to change before lessons. In the colder months, students can wear a plain black or navy fleece jumper over their school jumper.

## Communication

Regular communication with you will come in the form of newsletters and emails. If you have a concern or question, please do contact your child's tutor in the first instance. As you can expect, the school day is quite busy, therefore email is the best form of contact. I am always available if you feel the need to contact me as Head of Key stage.

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## Phones

We understand that some students have a long way to travel in the morning and use devices to 'entertain' themselves. These will be handed in to the 'phone monitors' in the morning and reissued at the end of the school day. Any pupil seen to not hand in their phone, will have it confiscated and parents will have to collect.

**The KS4 team really look forward to working with you and your families.**



# Weatherfield Academy

## Key Stage 4 Handbook

"To work together to place the young person at the centre of all we strive for by developing confidence, independence and life-long learning."

## Staff

**4KO**



**Mrs Owen**

Head of KS4 and tutor



**Miss Woods**

Teaching Assistant



**Mr Harding**

Teaching Assistant

**4AS**



**Mr Stackhouse**

Class Teacher



**Mrs Davies**

Teaching Assistant

**4JL**



**Mr Leer**

Class Teacher



**Mrs Balaam**

Teaching Assistant

**4SA**



**Miss Shaw**

Class Teacher



**Mrs Ainsworth**

Class Teacher



**Mrs Fowler**

HLTA



**Mrs Dixon**

Teaching Assistant

## Practical Learning

We have our 'practical learning' afternoons on Wednesday and Thursday. You will be in a group and carousel system, accessing two different activities every half term (one on Wed and one on Thurs). They are: **Cooking, Rural studies, Art, Sewing, Computing, Health and Social care, Childcare, Food, Dance, Design Technology, and Music.**

You will be told in advance which activities you will timetabled for, and there will be the opportunity to make and experience a vast range of skills.

**'To become the best person you can be.'**

## Curriculum

The lessons that we will have in KS4 are:

**English** – We will have daily lessons, focusing on reading, writing and speaking and listening. Some of you will start to complete some coursework ready for year 11. We will have spelling tests, and you will be expected to do lots of reading!!

**Maths** – Again, daily lessons building our maths skills in all areas, number, space and shape, measurement, geometry, statistics, and money. We will start to work through the coursework, giving you slightly longer to complete this, again ready for the end of year 11.

**Science** – Weekly lessons with lots of experiments focusing on Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Finding out how things work and why this is important to me?

**PSHE** – We have more of these lessons this year, building our life skills, social skills, and looking after our mental wellbeing. You will focus on 'Our world' learning about current affairs and our environment. We also have some time each week to build on our 'Team building' by working with all your friends in KS4 to complete challenges.

**Careers** – We will work together to identify your strengths and interests, looking at different jobs and career options there are for you in the future. We will be developing our skills in communication, problem-solving, listening, speaking, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork – using skills builder to support this.

**PE** – You will have the opportunity to build skills in team games, and also access the facilities at the local leisure centre. They will need a plain white T-Shirt, shorts or joggers and trainers. (This can be used from last year).

**RE** – Throughout the year we will be focusing on the main world religions, and how they are practised and celebrated. In KS4 we learn about Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, and British Values.

## Home Learning

KS4 students accessed work on Google Classroom and IXL. This is a platform I would like to encourage students to use to access their home learning. If needed, students will have a homework book, this will be organised with the tutor at the beginning of the term.

## Qualification Opportunities

All students in KS4 will be challenged at an appropriate level using a range of qualifications which include-

- AQA Maths Coursework – Entry Level 1, 2, and 3
- Edexcel English, IT, and Maths Functional Skills, Entry level 1, 2, and 3, Level 1 and 2.
- For a select few, there is the opportunity to complete GCSE in Maths.
- AQA unit Awards will be available in all option lessons, PSHE, Science and RE.

## Additional support

All students in KS4 will have the opportunity to access additional support, when needed. We look holistically at the needs of the child and their EHCP and offer a well-balanced curriculum with a focus on 'Life skills'. We continue to access the services of: Music therapy, School dog, SALT, Sensory room, Clinical Psychology, Sorted – universal wellbeing support, The base support, Play therapy, SEND advisory, all within our Multi-disciplinary team (MDT).