



Subject Overview:

Subject: Vocational Studies

Intent	Implementation	Impact
<p>Vocational Studies is introduced in Key Stage 5 to support and prepare our pupils for living increasing independent lives socially, academically and in a workplace.</p> <p>The units of study help in reducing, or removing, many of the barriers to further education, work and engaging with social and leisure activities. Vocational Studies allows the pupils to be challenged in a supportive environment, where they can build confidence and resilience in the skills they need for the world of work and more independent social lives.</p> <p>Through practical experience, our pupils develop transferable life skills which will enable them to pursue ambitious and fulfilling lives.</p>	<p>Our programme of study aims to integrate and embed core English, Maths and PSHCE skills into vocational learning through relevant and practical activities.</p> <p>Through a mixture of simulated work environments and tasks, practical activities and real-life experiences, pupils develop and refine essential skills. Learning and experience are scaffolded so new or challenging tasks are explored and embedded in smaller steps.</p> <p>Alongside workplace and social skills, pupils engage in food and nutrition units as part of Vocational Studies. This provides additional opportunities to practice the essential skills of communication, teamwork, problem solving and working safely.</p>	<p>The impact of the Vocational Studies curriculum will be evidenced by a triangulation of formal termly assessments, termly book scrutinises, lesson plan reviews, learning walks as needed and observations by subject leads in conjunction with senior staff.</p> <p>In addition, other hard data will be used as necessary to obtain a clear, coherent understanding of the success of the Vocational Studies curriculum.</p>