




# Teaching and Learning Newsletter

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At Ruskin Community High School, we believe that it is important for all parents and carers to be well informed about what our students are learning and how our curriculum is being developed to ensure excellence for all. Through this half-termly newsletter, we will keep you up to date with our teaching and learning developments.

If you would like to discuss anything please contact us on 01270 560514 or via email [enquiries@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk)



Last Half Term, Teachers Were...	This Half Term, Teachers Will Be...
<p>Pinpointing the <b>essential knowledge and skills</b> that students will learn on their <b>curriculum journeys</b>. This work will ensure that students and teachers are <b>confident and clear</b> about what is being taught and learnt.</p> <p>Parents and carers will also be able to access this information from home to enable them to help our students to <b>work independently at home</b> and <b>consolidate their learning</b> outside of the class.</p> <p>More information to follow once the website has been updated.</p>	<p>Developing how <b>reading</b> is taught <b>across the curriculum</b>. Students reading skills are key to their success and teachers will be embedding different reading strategies into their lessons.</p> <p>Ask your child about their <b>Ruskin Reading Ruler</b> and the <b>Ruskin Reading Icon</b>.</p> 

## Key Developments

### New Curriculum

In September 2022, we launched our new 5-year curriculum, which focusses on the essential knowledge and skills that your child will learn and develop. Careers and work-related learning are now explicitly taught alongside and in relation to our core curriculum. We have introduced new option subjects for our current Year 10 students, with subjects such as Psychology and Electrical Engineering, and we hope to continue to develop this offer over the next few years.

All of our subjects now have a Curriculum Journey and these can be found on our website. They are the best way for you to find out what your child will learn whilst they are at Ruskin. Please use this link to access our Curriculum Journeys: [Our Curriculum | Ruskin Community High School \(ruskinhighschool.co.uk\)](https://ruskinhighschool.co.uk)

### Assessment and Reporting

To work alongside our new curriculum, we have been developing how we assess our students, and how this will be reported to parents and carers. All assessments and reports will now be based on the essential knowledge and skills that your child should have learnt, and this will make it easier for parents and carers, students and teachers to explicitly pinpoint what has been learnt and what knowledge and skills still need to be developed.

Full details will be shared with you later this term when students' reports are issued.

## Our Core Values

We have introduced three Core Values which are central to all areas of our school. These Core Values are:

- High Aspirations
- Confidence
- Respect

Through all aspects of our teaching and learning provision, we ensure that these values are promoted and embedded.

All information on our Core Values and what they mean to your child and our provision can be found using this link: [Our Curriculum | Ruskin Community High School \(ruskinhighschool.co.uk\)](http://ruskinhighschool.co.uk)

## Technology

During the summer holidays, all classrooms were fitted with Promethean screens which provide an intuitive way to create and deliver lessons that are interactive, engaging and geared for our new exciting curriculum. This new technology has helped our teachers to bring their lessons to life and to help every student grasp concepts, solve problems and apply learning.

## PSHCE Provision

What does PSHCE mean? **Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education**

Our PSHCE programme is relevant, adaptive and responds to significant events within the community, nationally or internationally, and it is integral to your child's personal development in school. It is delivered partially through fortnightly tutor-led lessons, weekly PSHCE assemblies and through special drop-down events throughout the year. You can find out what your child has covered below:

Year 7	<b>Curriculum:</b> Transition and Safety <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Workshop with Bronnie on LGBTQ, Resilience, Tolerance, Mental Health and Body Image	<b>Curriculum:</b> Health and Puberty <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Road Safety Speaker – Cheshire Fire Brigade Dental Health workshop Online Safety and the law – PCSO Cheshire Police Careers in the Sea Cadets
Year 8	<b>Curriculum:</b> Discrimination <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Workshop with Bronnie on LGBTQ, Resilience, Tolerance, Mental Health and Body Image	<b>Curriculum:</b> Community and Careers <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Careers in the NHS
Year 9	<b>Curriculum:</b> Healthy Lifestyles <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Workshop with Bronnie on LGBTQ, Resilience, Tolerance, Mental Health and Body Image	<b>Curriculum:</b> Employability skills <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Careers in NHS
Year 10	<b>Curriculum:</b> Mental Health and Wellbeing <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Workshop with Bronnie on LGBTQ, Resilience, Tolerance, Mental Health and Body Image Workshop on awareness to violence against women and girls – Cheshire Police	<b>Curriculum:</b> Financial Decision Making <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Road Safety Speaker – Cheshire Fire Brigade 'Building for the Future' Day – looking at Revision Skills, Further Education opportunities and Student budgeting – delivered by Higher Horizons and MADE Training Careers in the Sea Cadets
Year 11	<b>Curriculum:</b> Next Steps and Planning for the Future <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Workshop with Bronnie on LGBTQ, Resilience, Tolerance, Mental Health and Body Image	<b>Curriculum:</b> Communication in Relationships <b>Workshops/External Speakers:</b> Brine Leas Sixth Form