Barnsley Academy – Year 7 Character and PSHE Curriculum Overview 2023-24

Autumn Term			Spring Term				Summer Term		
	Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework	
Week 1			Week 1		Active Citizenship Project	Week 1			
Week 2	Understanding Myself and Others: Moving Up Getting to know my new school and Looking Forward	To write a letter to Mr Khan explaining who you are, what your ambitions are and how you want to show commitment to your school.	Week 2	Making Healthy Choices: Being an Adolescent. To explore how you change physically, mentally, emotionally and socially during adolescence.	Choose your issue and Research your actions.	Week 2	Minding Myself and Others: Relationships To reflect on why friendships are important and how to communicate respectfully and appropriately.	To write a reflection piece on how and why it is important to behave appropriately in different scenarios.	
Week 3			Week 3			Week 3			
Week 4	Understanding Myself and Others: Self-Management Managing your time in and out of school	To devise a personal timetable for activities both in and outside of school.	Week 4	Making Healthy Choices: Being Healthy – Hygiene To understand the importance of personal hygiene in adolescence.	Choose your actions, decide how to measure success and plan your actions.	Week 4	Minding Myself and Others: Respecting Myself and Others To reflect on healthy and unhealthy friendships in real life and online	To write an email to your Head of Year about what school could do to encourage and promote healthy friendships.	
Week 5			Week 5			Week 5			
Week 6	Understanding Myself and Others: Becoming Independent - Safety Personal Safety at home and online	To write an email to a Social Media company explaining why it is important to invest more resources into online safety.	Week 6	Making Healthy Choices: Being Healthy – Food and Physical Activity To understand how to maintain good physical health through food and activity.	Put your plan into action: complete your project.	Week 6	Minding Myself and Others: Identity To know the facts regarding sexuality, gender and stereotypes.	To complete a quiz on the facts around Sexuality, Gender and Stereotypes.	
Week 7			Week 7			Week 7			
Week 8	Understanding Myself and Others: Becoming Independent - Money Managing money and budgeting	To create a personal budget for at least one week, taking into account spending and other outgoings.	Week 8	Making Healthy Choices: Understanding Mental Health To understand the importance of resilience and good mental health and to practise self-care strategies.	Put your plan into action: complete your project.	Week 8	Minding Myself and Others: Managing Influences To understand what peer pressure is and how to resist it.	To create a speech to deliver to next year's Year 7s about how to resist peer pressure.	
Week 9			Week 9			Week 9			
Week 10	Understanding Myself and Others: Citizenship Understanding that we are all different but all equal. Anti-Bullying Week 2023 (Make a Noise)	To create an Anti-Bullying week resource that could be used in school: a tweet, a campaign slogan, a speech etc.	Week 10	Making Healthy Choices: Understanding Mental Health To understand the link between thoughts, feelings and actions and how to break a negative thought cycle.	Reflect, evaluate and report. All students who successfully complete their active citizenship project will be recognised and rewarded for their commitment and participation.	Week 10	Minding Myself and Others: Negative Choices To understand what commonly available unhealthy products can do to the body and the law around them (energy drinks and vapes)	To create a resource to raise awareness of the dangers around energy drinks and vaping: a letter, slogan, tweet etc.	
Week 11						Week 11			
Week 12	Understanding Myself and Others: Democracy What democracy means and how our democratic processes work.	To write a letter to your local MP about your views on youth engagement with the democratic process.				Week 12	Minding Myself and Others: Substance Use To understand the laws around drugs and alcohol and the dangers of these both physically, socially and emotionally.	To write a letter to the Department of Health on what the government should be doing to prevent substance misuse by young people.	
Week 13						Week 13			
Week 14	Understanding Myself and Others: Active Citizenship	To research one community or volunteering project in your local				Week 14	Reflection: Looking Back, Looking Forward	To create an action plan for Year 8.	

	How to participate positively in	area and create a report of what				To celebrate the success and	
	society through commitment	they do.				achievements of the last year	
	to your community and					and set goals for Year 8l	
	volunteering projects.						
	An introduction to the Active						
	Citizenship Y7 Project.						
Week 15							
Assessment			Assessment		Assessment		