

# You Said, We Did: Personal Development Curriculum Update

Thank you to all the parents who took part in our recent survey on the Personal Development Curriculum! Your feedback is important to us and has helped shape the programme for the coming year.

## Focus on Core Life Skills:

The message came through loud and clear that core life skills like communication, self-esteem, healthy relationships, stress management, and mental wellbeing are top priorities. We're pleased to confirm that these skills will be heavily emphasised across all year groups throughout the year.

## Careers and Future Planning:

You also highlighted the importance of careers planning and future preparation. We've listened! Every child will take part in at least a half-term module that integrates careers planning and guidance directly into the curriculum.

## Digital Literacy:

While the survey indicated a desire for a deeper focus on AI and deepfakes in Year 10, we recognise the importance of establishing a strong foundation in digital citizenship across all ages. Therefore, we'll be integrating opportunities to explore digital citizenship and financial literacy education throughout the year. Year 7 will have a dedicated half-term specifically focused on building a strong understanding of responsible digital citizenship.

## Academic Focus:

We understand that alongside developing well-rounded individuals, a strong academic focus is paramount and we're excited to share how we'll be continuing to integrate academic development within our Personal Development framework:

- **Empowering Learners:** Dedicated daily "Progress Time" slots will be implemented across all year groups. Students will focus on personalised learning goals, revision strategies, and targeted practice, fostering a sense of ownership over their academic success.
- **Weekly Assemblies:** Assemblies will feature a strong academic focus each half term, with content tailored to each year group. This will include workshops on effective revision techniques, subject-specific success strategies from departmental experts, and motivational talks on goal setting and academic achievement.
- **Technology for Progress:** We'll be utilising the powerful Seneca Learning platform, providing students with personalised learning pathways, interactive quizzes, and revision materials aligned with the curriculum. Additionally, Classcharts allows teachers and parents to monitor student progress in real-time, ensuring targeted support where needed.

**Moving Forward:**

We are committed to providing a well-rounded Personal Development Curriculum that addresses the evolving needs of our students. We will continue to seek your valuable feedback as we refine and improve the programme throughout the year. Thank you for your partnership in helping our students flourish!