



TOOT HILL SCHOOL

Year 7 Personal Development Curriculum



“The world’s mine oyster” William Shakespeare

The Year 7 Personal Development Curriculum is purposely designed to welcome students into our school community where they will feel safe, comfortable and ready to fully engage with our broad and ambitious curriculum. After an unusual final year of primary school, and a virtual introduction to our school, we will initially focus on connecting with our students face to face. Students will embrace a wide range of new curriculum and enrichment opportunities. As students begin the next phase of transition, from primary to secondary school, they will become familiar with our core values of Work Hard, Be Kind. Students will be recognised for showing honesty, respect and courage, along with motivation, confidence and resilience, the very characteristics at the heart of our school community. Students will also begin to familiarise themselves with our core PRIDE values and will reflect on what they stand for whilst showing consideration for the views of others.

Whilst further developing their own identity, Year 7 students will meet new people from a range of backgrounds and will have the opportunity to expand their social network. Acceptance and tolerance are key qualities which will underpin the courage our students will need to do this. At this milestone, students will develop socially and emotionally to become thoughtful and empathetic members of our school community.

The Personal Development Curriculum deliberately teaches our students how to be safe in an ever-widening world, allowing them to have awareness of themselves and others. Our students are purposely enriched with age-appropriate knowledge about respectful friendships and relationships, as well as the online world to develop an array of different perspectives.

An environment where ambition to succeed is at the heart of our day-to-day practice, allows students to reflect on their strengths and begin to consider their future. The range of subjects studied provides students with a breadth of new experiences where they can begin to think about where they will develop expert knowledge. Becoming accustomed with new learning routines will further support students' scholarship. Understanding the qualities of a responsible learner will allow students to become well organised and motivated. The opportunity to complete Focused Independent Time in every subject will develop students' concentration and resilience when faced with a challenging situation. An environment focused on making every lesson count will help students to understand the importance of Live Feedback and how the use of their Purple Pen can support them in ensuring quality in their work. Over time, our students will begin to show independence when making decisions which impact positively on their learning and those around them.

As a year group, we value each individual and provide opportunities, through discussions, for students to develop the confidence to place value in their opinion which they are encouraged to share as part of our student voice. Students will think about how their actions have a consequence to others and this will begin to shape the legacy they will leave. Students will understand what it means to wear their green blazer with pride and how Work Hard, Be Kind is central to Toot Hill School. Creating an environment where all students have the opportunity to thrive is key to our Personal Development Curriculum. By engaging in the Personal Development Curriculum, we will support our Year 7 students to make a positive impact on our school community.