

SUMMER 2 - 2025/26

# NEWSLETTER



## MATHS

In Maths this term, Thrive 1 will explore shapes, position and direction, and decimals through practical and engaging activities. Pupils will investigate 2D and 3D shapes, coordinates, directions, maps and obstacle courses, while developing teamwork and problem-solving skills.

They will also use real-life contexts such as money, measuring and shopping to build their understanding of decimals.

Lessons will be hands-on, enjoyable and full of opportunities to learn through games, discussion and practical challenges.

## ENGLISH

In English this term, Thrive 1 will explore the dark and mysterious world of Gothic literature through the story of Frankenstein.

Pupils will discover how writers create suspense and atmosphere through creepy settings, dramatic characters and thrilling themes, while also comparing parts of the story to the film adaptation.

Throughout the term, students will develop their descriptive writing skills, explore powerful emotions and moral choices, and create their own Gothic-inspired characters and settings. Get ready for suspense, secrets and exciting storytelling!

## SCIENCE

In Science this term, Thrive 1 will be learning about genetics and how traits are passed from one generation to the next. Pupils will explore inherited features, DNA, chromosomes, and similarities between plants, animals and their families.

Students will take part in weekly hands-on experiments, including creating DNA models, extracting DNA from fruit, and investigating inherited characteristics.

Through practical investigations and scientific enquiry, pupils will develop their observation, prediction and recording skills while discovering the fascinating world of genetics.



## PSHE

In PSHE/RSE this term, Thrive 1 will focus on relationships, emotional wellbeing and personal development in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils will explore friendships, respect, communication, online safety and understanding emotions, while building confidence and resilience.

Students will also learn about growing up, healthy relationships and making positive choices through discussions, teamwork, role play and practical activities designed to develop important life skills.

## HUMANITIES

In Humanities this term, Thrive 1 will consolidate their learning from across the year by revisiting key beliefs, values and traditions from different religions and worldviews.

Pupils will explore themes such as peace, forgiveness, kindness, respect and community, while developing confidence in sharing their ideas and opinions.

Through discussions, creative activities and group work, students will deepen their understanding of how beliefs can influence people's lives and how these values can be applied in everyday situations.

## DIGITAL SKILLS

In Digital Skills this term, students will continue developing important technology and online safety skills to support everyday adult life. Pupils will learn how to use online services safely, understand verification methods, and shop securely online by recognising trusted websites and avoiding scams.

Lessons will be practical and engaging, with students taking part in real-life scenarios, interactive activities and problem-solving tasks using technology.

Students will also complete practice assessments for Entry Level 3 Digital Skills, with some potentially sitting their official EL3 qualification assessment.

## SPORTS

This term, Thrive 1 will complete their final sports coaching assessment. Throughout the year, students have developed a range of coaching and teamwork skills, which they will now apply in a practical setting.

Students will plan and deliver their own coaching session, including completing risk assessments, considering health and safety, and organising activities effectively. The final assessment will take place at Oxford Park, giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their confidence, leadership and communication skills in a real-life environment.



# THRIVE 1 CLASS



## MUSIC

This term, Thrive 1 will complete a final music production project using Logic Pro. Students will create a hypothetical music release and explore how music is distributed through platforms such as Spotify, SoundCloud and other digital services.

Throughout the project, students will demonstrate the professional and creative skills they have developed across the year, including music production, creativity, teamwork and communication.

## LIFE SKILLS

In Life Skills this term, Thrive 1 will continue developing their navigation skills through practical and engaging activities designed to build confidence and independence. Pupils will learn how to read maps, follow directions, recognise landmarks and safely plan routes for everyday journeys.

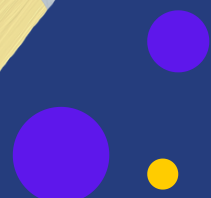
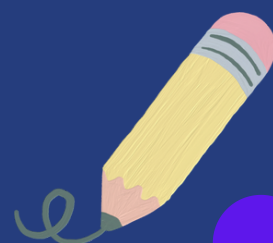
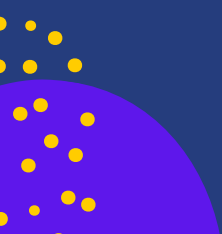
Lessons will include hands-on challenges such as treasure hunts, outdoor navigation games, team problem-solving activities and using digital maps to explore different locations. Students will also practise important travel and safety skills to help them become more confident and independent within their local community.

## FOODWISE

Thrive 1 students will be taking part in an entertainment planning task alongside organising a charity event project. They will explore important budgeting skills, including event costs, budget-friendly meals, and entertainment planning.

This project will help students develop teamwork, creativity, and financial planning skills while understanding how successful events are organised.

We look forward to seeing students' creativity, teamwork, and skills continue to grow through these engaging projects.



## ART

In Art this term, Thrive 1 will explore the exciting world of collage and assemblage. Pupils will experiment with a variety of materials, textures, colours and found objects to create imaginative and expressive artwork.

Students will learn how artists combine different materials to tell stories, create mood and build interesting designs and sculptures.

Lessons will be creative, hands-on and full of opportunities to cut, layer, arrange and construct unique pieces while developing confidence, creativity and artistic skills.

## GUIDED READING

In Guided Reading this term, Thrive 1 will be diving into the exciting adventure story *The Lightning Thief*. Pupils will follow Percy Jackson as he discovers a world filled with Greek gods, mythical creatures, quests, and danger.

Throughout the term, students will develop their reading comprehension skills by exploring characters, predicting events, retrieving information, and discussing themes such as friendship, bravery, and identity. Lessons will include group discussions, drama activities, creative tasks, and opportunities to explore the fascinating world of Greek mythology in a fun and engaging way.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last GCSE exam: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Summer Holiday's - Students last day of the year is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Students return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026.

## ENRICHMENT

In Enrichment this term, students will take part in a variety of activities linked to important national and international events.

Pupils will learn about and celebrate Pride Month, Healthy Eating Week, National School Sports Week and World Refugee Day, while also exploring the importance of the International Day for the Abolition of Child Labour.

Activities throughout the term will encourage discussion, teamwork, creativity and reflection, helping students develop their understanding of diversity, wellbeing, equality and global issues.

Students will also take part in a special Sports Day event organised by the Student Council, with the date to be confirmed.

...and plenty more surprises along the way! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates.