

Year 8

Term	Unit	Key Questions	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding and Other Information
Autumn	Unit 1: Money Matters	How do I budget for regular outgoing costs? How does compound interest affect the value of a loan? How does advertising seek to influence my spending choices? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways to save? When do I need insurance and why might it be useful? What rights do I have as a consumer? How do I recognise and protect myself from fraud and scams? What sources of support are there for victims of fraud and scams? What does the Law say about gambling? What are the potential consequences of gambling and debt? What is a 'money mule' scheme and how can I protect myself? What sources of support are available?	Income and expenditure Staying in control of your money Savings and insurance Financial security and consumer rights Gambling Money choices and wellbeing	Retrieval practice and assessment for learning approaches including: multiple choice quizzes, recap and summary questions, think-pair-share, baseline assessments that are revisited
	Unit 2: Parliament, Laws and the Justice System	How is Parliament in the UK structured? What are Political Parties and how are they different to Pressure Groups?	Parliament Political parties Elections and parliament	

		What is 'campaigning'? What are my voting rights? How does UK Governance compare with that in other countries? How is a Law made and passed in the UK? What is a Parliamentary Debate and how do they run? How does the Justice System in the UK operate and uphold the Law? Does the justice system achieve its aims?	Alternative systems of Government How Laws are made Upholding the Law	
	Unit 3 Understanding Mental Health	Why can it be difficult to talk about mental health? How can we maintain a healthy body image? Why are some coping strategies unhealthy? How can we adjust to loss in our lives? How can our use of technology affect our mental health?	Attitudes towards mental health, helping others, use of language Body image, pressures of social media, impact on girls Eating disorders, self-harm Different reactions to death and bereavement	

Spring	Unit 4 - Romantic relationships	What do healthy relationships look like and how do they develop? What does commitment mean in a relationship? What does a healthy relationship look like? How can couples overcome problems? How might LGBT relationships develop differently?	Stages in relationships, variation in relationships Importance of commitment Traits of healthy and unhealthy relationships Strategies to de-escalate problems Pressures on people who are LGBT+	
	Unit 5 Drugs and Alcohol	What is a drug? How do peers, the media and advertising influence decisions about drugs? What are the risks associated with nicotine and alcohol? How prevalent is drug use in today's society? Why might young people choose to or not to use drugs?	Understanding drugs Influences, including peer and family pressure Risk Exploring attitudes Managing influence	

Summer	Unit 6: Mini enterprise	What is a mini enterprise and how might we structure a company to run a small enterprise? What makes an effective product to take to market? What can I do to understand my market and pitch my product to a specific audience?	Market research Developing a product Selling a product Presentations	
	Unit 7: Aspirations and Choices	What are my inspirations and aspirations? What is my vision for the world and how can I make it better? What do I think my future looks like? How can I plan for my future?	Inspirations and aspirations Values and qualities Qualifications and careers	