

SHELLEY CORNERSTONE CURRICULUM

The Shelley College Cornerstone Curriculum develops the knowledge and skills in young people that allow them to go on to be happy and successful adults who make a positive contribution to society. We believe that a positive contribution is developed through students whose moral approach is underpinned by respect and valuing the diverse beliefs and views of the population that comprise 21st century Britain. As the name suggests, we believe that this foundational knowledge is essential to the happy and healthy lives of our students as they grow up. The curriculum sits under the SCHOLAR's Club Personal Development Package, and regular attendance at Cornerstone contributes towards the SCHOLARS certification.

The Cornerstone Curriculum is an age-appropriate, bespoke spiral curriculum developed in-house, which regularly revisits all SMSC themes, the RS curriculum, Citizenship, and statutory RSE. It goes above and beyond the statutory curriculum, using PSHE association guidance and contextual information to meet the needs of our students.



The Cornerstone Curriculum is designed to equip Shelley College students with the knowledge required in the following areas:

Health and Wellbeing – emotional and physical health advice, including: the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and substance use; the importance of vaccines; becoming confident users of the NHS; context-informed mental health; and sexual health.

Relationships – Inclusive Relationship and Sex Education, including consent, sexual harassment, managing conflict, making decisions, and healthy relationships both online and offline.

Skills for Life – Personal finance, revision, study skills, managing your online presence, managing change and loss.

Next Steps - Preparing for Post-16 options including writing of personal statements, mock interviews, creating long-term plans, raising aspirations, and CIEAG

Wider World – Minimising common risks, British Values, the Equality Act, SMSC, spotting extremist views online and offline, RS curriculum under SACRE guidance, citizenship.

The Cornerstone Curriculum is delivered on **Monday mornings** through a disaggregated Personal Development Time, allowing 40 minutes each Monday. It is delivered by Personal Development Mentors to their groups, ensuring students feel confident and safe to share their views. Furthermore, the assemblies are regularly tied to the Cornerstone Curriculum, as are reciprocal reading sessions. Finally, Personal Development Mornings once a term see all students off-timetable from periods 1 to 3, where learning is deepened and expanded through external visitors, internal workshops and activities, and online speakers. The full overview of activities during Personal Development Time is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y9	Cornerstone Lessons (see curriculum plan)	Assembly	Behaviour and SCHOLAR's	Reciprocal Reading	Weekly Notices, Sports News and Cultural Capital Quiz
Y10		Reciprocal Reading	Assembly	Behaviour and SCHOLAR's	
Y11		Reciprocal Reading	Behaviour and SCHOLAR's	Assembly	