

## Post-16 Homework Ideas – Spring Term 2025

It's a new term and a new year, and we have some exciting things happening in spring! Here is some information about what is to come over the next term with ways you can support at home.

Our students are either following the coursework pathway (ASDAN LifeSkills Challenge) or the exam pathway (Functional Skills) for maths and English. This will give all of our young people the opportunity to develop their maths and English skills in a practical, real life context that will support them into adulthood. If you would like to know which pathway your child is following please let us know.

### **English**

Kelly's group will be working towards the Functional Skills assessments. We will be focusing on social speaking, such as making appointments and ordering food. We will be reading pieces of text and finding the main point it is making. Off the back of this, we will be looking at plurals and alphabetical order.

- Asking open and closed questions – using who/ what/ where/ when etc
- Find different things written in alphabetical order (phone app lists, contacts etc)
- Practise writing addresses, including postcodes (we do a lot of this in Functional Skills)

Joe's group will be looking at speaking and listening and writing skills within the context of "exploring the UK", as well as a big focus on reading. We will be looking at landmarks around the country and visiting places in the local community, as well as fostering a love for reading.

- Foster a love of reading
- Recall key information
- Produce written work about the UK


### **Maths**

Kelly's group are looking at maths in the context of "exploring the UK". We will be looking at concepts such as measure and shape in relation to landmarks around the country. We will also be doing simple calculations linked to local and national attractions.

- Name the day of the week – what was yesterday? Tomorrow etc?
- Talk about the seasons
- Counting things into bags/ boxes etc. How many? What if we added/ subtracted...?
- Recognising different coins up to £1

Joe's group will be working towards Functional Skills assessments. Our main aims this term revolve around 'measure'. We will be doing a mixture of practical and theoretical work to help solidify learning. We are going to be working on reading measurements in different units, such as g/kg, ml/l, cm/m/km, including doing practical activities involving comparing and contrasting. We will also be looking at reading measurements to the nearest division, as well as looking at past paper questions to emphasise the importance of reading the questions carefully.

- Compare/contrast different measurements
- Look at language related to measure (e.g. longer/shorter and heavier/lighter)



## Relationships, Sex and Health Education

In RSHE, we are looking at drugs, alcohol and tobacco, where we will discuss the effects these three substances can have on the body, as well as knowing the difference between legal and illegal substances. We will also be looking at physical health and fitness, where we will be working on how to lead a physically healthy lifestyle, as well as healthy eating, where we will be planning and preparing a balanced snack or meal. It would be great if you do any balanced cooking to send in some photos!

## Careers

In Careers, we are looking at money and managing finances. We will be thinking about the role advertising has in influencing us (Joe's group will be making their own adverts) and how to choose between things we need to buy and things we want to buy.

- Write a list, go out shopping and pay for your goods

## ASDAN PSD

The PSD challenges we will be completing this term are link to other topics. The first module we are working on is Using Technology in the Home and Community. We will be thinking about the tech that we use in everyday life and how to use them safely. We will be emailing to request photos of using technology in the home, so keep an eye on your inbox!

In the second module, Developing Self, we will be casting our eyes upon ourselves, thinking about our positive qualities and skills, and thinking about what we would like to improve. We will spend time choosing things we would like to work on, as well as actually working on these skills. These then can be linked into skills needed in the workplace.

## Vocational

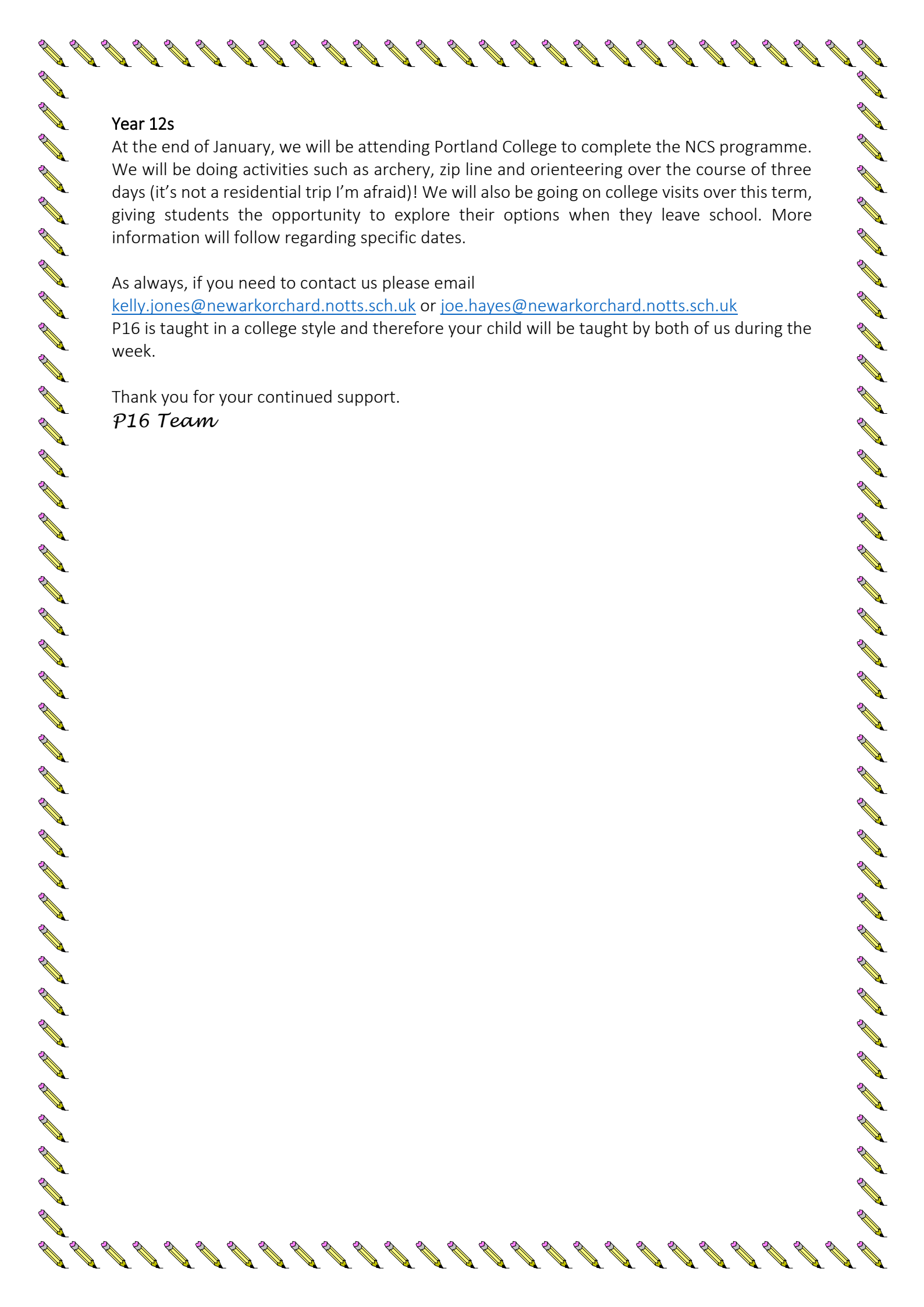
Vocational is on a Friday afternoon. Each student has had the opportunity to pick the Arts subject they will be interested in doing up until Christmas, when the options will be given again for new groups after the Easter holidays. We are continuing to offer Music, Art, Drama, Media Studies and for P16, Archery/ Forest Schools.

## Life Skills

Life skills remain a crucial focus of the work in Post 16. We will carry on with our Team Enterprise programme, planning and cooking staff lunches and supporting students to keep a record of their profits which they can spend in a way of their choosing at the end of the year. At Reach Community Garden, we will take part in a range of projects to improve the environment. We have a Wednesday morning session which is divided into 3 topics – travel training and being independent in the community, home skills (cleaning and using appliances safely) and planning and cooking lunch. Groups are changed fortnightly so all students experience all three options each half term.

## Work Experience

Some students will have the opportunity to take part in internal or external work experience set up by our Work Experience Teaching Assistant, Suz. Parents will be informed of any individual placements planned.



## Year 12s

At the end of January, we will be attending Portland College to complete the NCS programme. We will be doing activities such as archery, zip line and orienteering over the course of three days (it's not a residential trip I'm afraid)! We will also be going on college visits over this term, giving students the opportunity to explore their options when they leave school. More information will follow regarding specific dates.

As always, if you need to contact us please email

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P16 is taught in a college style and therefore your child will be taught by both of us during the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

*P16 Team*