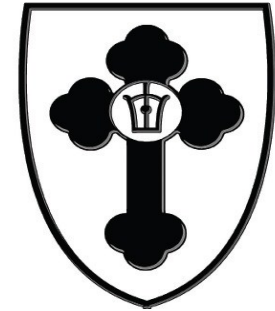




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**PERSONAL, SOCIAL & HEALTH
EDUCATION + CITIZENSHIP**

**William Brookes
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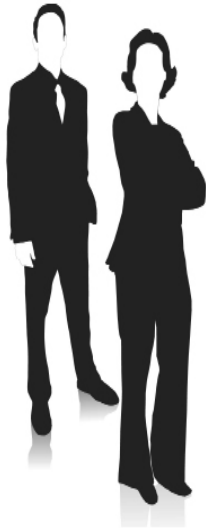
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**Parents' Guide
2010 - 2011**



THROUGH THE CORE AREAS OF CITIZENSHIP, HEALTH EDUCATION AND CAREERS, THE COURSE ENABLES STUDENTS TO:-

- APPLY SKILLS
- ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE
- DEVELOP VALUES AND ATTITUDES



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Mrs M Turner Subject Leader
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**STUDENTS WILL BE ENABLED TO:-
 PSHE**

- develop self-awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence
- develop a healthy lifestyle
- learn to keep themselves and others safe
- develop effective and satisfying relationships
- learn to respect the differences between people

- develop independence and responsibility
- play an active role as members of society
- make the most of their abilities
- strive for economic well being
- have a positive attitude

Citizenship encourages:-

- An interest in topical and controversial subjects
- an effective role in the wider community through dedicated action
- an understanding of the criminal justice system
- a respect for different cultures and ethnic identities

- the art of skilful debating and negotiation
- active participation in local, national or global projects

KEY SKILLS WHICH ARE DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE ARE:-

- Personal and interpersonal skills
- Communication – oral and written
- Decision making
- Co-operation and working with others
- Practical skills relating to the areas covered
- ICT applications relating to the areas covered

With the review of the National Curriculum for the new century has come a number of initiatives in the field of Health, Careers, Citizenship and other related areas, with a view to establishing a national framework for PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) and the introduction of the Citizenship GCSE.

We were foundation members of Shropshire 'Schools for Health', a part of the joint DfES - Department of Health Healthy Schools Award Scheme; this involves every aspect of the health of the school. Over recent years, by developing and implementing an anti-bullying policy and other initiatives, the school has actively addressed the emotional wellbeing of the whole school community. We received the Gold Award in 2004. We were the first secondary school in Shropshire to achieve this distinction.

The School Council meets regularly to discuss issues in the life of the school and to put forward the views of the student body. Members take part in community activities and support school functions such as Parents' Evenings.

PSHE and Citizenship are taught by a specialist team of experienced teachers with wide expertise in the field. This is the only school in Shropshire to have two members of staff who have been accredited with the DfES qualification in PSHE. This has given the subject the status within the

curriculum of other statutory subjects and, as elsewhere, we regularly assess progress and set homework. The personal and social development of students, though, is not only fostered through this taught course, but also in the tutorial programme, subject teaching and the many opportunities afforded by visits, visitors and the variety of extra-curricular events which enrich the curriculum. Citizenship is taught not only in the PSHE course, but as an integral part of most other curriculum areas. The new GCSE involves an active Citizenship project as well as an exam. The students are actively engaged in events and workshops throughout the academic year including:

- Anti bullying week
- Local democracy week
- Giving Nation Challenge
- Red Cross Life, live it
- Safe Road user award
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Many outside agencies work closely with the department such as the Red Cross, UNICEF, Road Safety Officer, Substance Misuse Team and the Probationary Service.

WBS Students have participated in many pilot projects such as workshops on International Humanitarian Law, the Conflict in Darfur and working with refugee adults.