



## Week One: *What's it all about?*



**Spiritual:** What our beliefs are and what drives us to succeed. What things drive you to do well in the academy?



**Moral:** What we believe to be the right or wrong thing to do in a situation. It is developed by our own experiences and beliefs. What morals do you hold close at heart?



**Social:** What we do when we interact with others in our year group, academy community and local area. What activities do you define as being 'sociable'?



**Cultural:** Our identity that we use to celebrate key beliefs or other aspects of our personal life. Things we do to relax. What extracurricular opportunities will you be a part of?

SMSC is probably a term that you may have seen in and around the academy or perhaps even your lessons before.

It's a very important set of skills and qualities that you need to possess in order to be successful throughout your time here at Nunthorpe, as well as in the wider world when you come to leave us in either year eleven or thirteen.

You should be able to see the following images on a page within your student planner. For this weeks' Nunthorpe News, have a chat about what you understand about each of the letters within the acronym of SMSC.

Each week, you'll be told/shown a key calendared event, piece of work or national celebration which falls under the umbrella of SMSC.



## Week Two: *New Years Resolutions*



Hello everyone and welcome back to the academy! We all hope that you had a great time away at Christmas, and are ready to begin a fresh start here for 2021!

In terms of a new year, many people look at this time to begin new plans, ideas, projects and journeys. Nothing can be said to be more important than this new year, as we gladly wave goodbye to the COVID filled year of 2020. But, as we all look ahead to what this new year will bring, lets think about our own targets, dreams, ambitions and goals...

**What are some examples of the resolutions that you have set and failed/achieved to meet in the past?**

**Where do you see yourself at the end of this year; are you planning on achieving anything 'big' or 'ground-breaking'?**

**Do you believe that New Years Resolutions are an important thing to set?**



## Week Three: *Moral Dilemma*

Have a look at this **moral** dilemma below.

As you will probably be aware, there are now two/three approved COVID19 vaccines which began to be administered prior to Christmas. The ordering for these doses has caused much talk from members of the public and has also been reported by News companies around the world. The question is; who do you think deserves to get a jab first?



The government and SAGE have looked to one very specific group of people who are responsible for deciding just that. Take a look below at these groups. Would you change anything about this? Where would you put front line workers; the police, who protect our streets. The teachers, who look after you guys when in school, college or university. It's an interesting point up for discussion!

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
2. All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. All those 75 years of age and over
4. All those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age)
5. All those 65 years of age and over
6. Adults aged 16 to 65 years in an at-risk group (see below)
7. All those 60 years of age and over
8. All those 55 years of age and over
9. All those 50 years of age and over
10. Rest of the population (to be determined)



## Week Four: *Socialising in times of lockdown*

If there is one thing that a lot, if not all, people are missing in this third lockdown, it's socialising with both friends and family that they know and love. COVID means that that can't happen, so what have you done instead?

Take a look at the list below and 'rank' these ideas for socialising in terms of what you have done/used during this, or any prior lockdown, to what you certainly haven't. You should then discuss this with your tutor group and form teacher to compare ideas. You may be surprised to see/listen to what different people have done!



*-Taken part in a ZOOM quiz.*

*-Texted a friend or member of your family.*

*-Looked on someone's social media account; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.*

*-Gave someone a phone call to check that they were alright.*

*-Gone for some 'socially distanced' exercise with a friend or family.*

*-Wrote a letter to someone, or sent a package to a friend or family member*



## Week Five: *World Cheese Day*



Whether you love it or hate it, cheese is something that a lot of people around the world enjoy massively! From the classic cheddar to the stinking bishop, cheese comes in many different forms and has many different tastes.

*Have a look at the questions below. Discuss as a form each of them before finding the answers below...*

- 1. The first bit of cheese was created 4,000 years ago.*
- 2. Although mice are lured by cheese in the cartoons, they actually cannot stand the stuff.*
- 3. Cheese is illegal in some parts of the USA.*
- 4. 'Cheesemakers' the people who are responsible for creating cheese, are awarded coloured belts for their work; like in Karate or Judo.*

### ANSWERS:

1. TRUE – 2. TRUE – 3. TRUE – 4. FALSE



## Week Six: *Spiritual Sites*



All religions, beliefs and ideas for philosophy have their own sacred sites around the world. Whether this be closer to home in Scotland, or in the furthest corner of Vietnam, each has some special significance or meaning.

Take a look at the images above. These have all been drawn from different spiritual sites around the world. The question is, what do you think makes these sites spiritual to so many followers of that belief/religion/nationality?

As a tutor group, discuss what would be your own spiritual site, and reasons that you believe in this.



## Week Seven: *Moral Dilemma*

Have a look at these **moral** dilemmas below.

As a group, have a discussion about what you would personally do if you were in the situation yourself. Remember that there are no right or wrong answers, it's totally your personal opinion on the matter.



You are witness in an accident that requires you to administer CPR and other first aid on an individual, however you are very much aware that the individual come potentially have COVID19. What would you do in this situation, do you try and help the person, regardless of the slim possibility that he could have the virus, or do you play it safe and wait for help, but could risk him facing more severe injuries?

***What do you do?***

You're offered a piece of advice on a bet that you are about to make. The person who offers you it knows for sure that if you go with their advice, you stand to win hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds. Do you take the advice, knowing that you have essentially 'cheated' and won money as a result of this, or do you go with your gut and still continue with the bet itself?

***What do you do?***