



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 Seven: *Inclusivity*

A recent television programme has been created by the former producer of Doctor Who, Russell T Davies.

The programme is set at the time of the AIDS crisis in Britain, when hundreds of people were dying of an illness that not a lot of people knew about. People who were 'positive' with the illness, were often forced out of families, communities and other groups that they were a part of.

Freddie Mercury, lead singer of QUEEN; famously had this illness and died as a result of it.

Do you believe that it is right to outcast people for an illness that they have, or anything else for that matter; looks, beliefs, ideas etc?





Week Eight: *National Periodic Table Day*



This is one for the scientists amongst you today! This month marks the national 'Periodic Table' day in the USA. Strange to think, but the Americans have a day to celebrate the creation of the periodic table of elements...

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

- 1. What element, featured on the Periodic Table, could once be found in take-away shop signs and is famous for how garish and bright it is when electricity is passed through it?*
- 2. How many elements are there on the periodic table?*
- 3. To the nearest million, how many compounds is carbon thought to feature in?*
- 4. The country of Argentina is named after the element whose symbol is Ag. Which element has this symbol on the table?*



Week Nine: *Societally Thinking*

Just for a moment, imagine that society in Britain is totally wiped out. You, and your tutor group, have the task of rebuilding society from the ground upwards.

You would need to think about a whole host of different, but equally important issues, should you wish to have a society built in your own image, which gives the very best for the people who are living in it.

As a tutor group, come up with the 5 most important things that you would want to consider first, should you have to rebuild an entire society. Things to do with law and order, education, money and wealth and governance, should be considered, but is there such thing as a 'perfect' society?





Week Ten: *Moral Dilemma*

Have a look at this **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've been on a cruise for two days when there's an accident that forces everyone on board to abandon ship. During the evacuation, one of the boats is damaged, leaving it with a hole that fills it with water. You figure that with 10 people in the boat, you can keep the boat afloat by having nine people scoop the filling water out by hand for 10 minutes while the 10th person rests. After that person's 10 minute rest, he or she will get back to work while another person rests, and so on. This should keep the boat from sinking long enough for a rescue team to find you as long as it happens within five hours. You're taking your first brake when you notice your best friend in a sound lifeboat with only nine people in it and he beckons you to swim over and join them so you won't have to keep bailing out water. If you leave the people in the sinking boat, they will only be able to stay afloat for two hours instead of five, decreasing their chance of being rescued, but securing yours. What do you do?

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Week Eleven: *Leadership Debates*



In January, the USA voted in it's 46th President; Joe Biden. He took over from Donald Trump, which a lot of Americans weren't too happy about.

This resulted in the deaths of police officers in the 'Capitol Riots' which were broadly televised by News companies in the first few weeks of lockdown after Christmas.

As a group, discuss the following...

WHY do you think that people felt so strongly they would riot and storm the Capitol building, the American equivalent of the 'Houses of Parliament'?

WHAT do you think was the worst quality that Donald Trump had as a leader; why do you think this?

WHAT do you think are some of the most important qualities that someone needs to have if they are a leader? Do you see yourself as one?



Week Twelve: *Valentines Day*

February is famous for it's wet weather, general coldness and people falling in love on Valentines Day.

But what do you know about the traditional day itself?

Have a look at these questions below and see how many of them you can get correct. You never know, you may very well surprise yourself!



- Q1. What is the name of the winged cherub who is associated with the day of love?**
- Q2. What flower is seen to be romantic should someone give one of them to their lover?**
- Q3. What movie features two animals meeting lips as they chow down on the same piece of spaghetti?**
- Q4. How many wives did Henry the Eighth have and in what order do we traditionally remember them; that's love for you!**