



## 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 Thirteen: *Prince Phillip's Funeral*

If you have been listening to the radio, watching the TV or reading a news paper article, you'll probably have heard that Prince Phillip, Queen Elizabeth II's husband, past away on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

For those of you who are into History, or even the Royal family, you will undoubtedly know that the Queen is longest serving monarch in British history; Prince Phillip being the longest serving consort (or partner) to a reigning monarch in British history too.

**What do you know about HRH Prince Phillip?**

**Do you think it is right to give such people, alike Prince Phillip, a televised funeral, particularly in times of a global pandemic?**

**The BBC came under quite a bit of fire, receiving more than 100,000 complaints, after they broadcast wall to wall tributes of his life on all of their channels. This kicked popular programmes, such as EastEnders, from the schedule. Do you think people were right to complain? Did you miss your favourite programme as a result of this?**





## Week Fourteen: *Morals*

Have a look at this moral situation below.

Have a **discussion** on your beliefs regarding the subject in small groups in your form.



Some people think that one day, the world will end due to war; others a mystery illness or disease that we, as humanity, don't see coming, or cannot overcome. As a matter of fact, something that has only very recently presented itself to be a real threat to humanity, are issues surrounding conservation & global warming.

Take a look at these facts below. What are your personal beliefs on conservation? Do you think it's something that we are doing enough about?

*Across the world, 1.9 million square KM's of conservation land has been lost or destroyed since the year 2000  
(that roughly equates to eight versions of the UK!)*

*Out of all the animals on planet earth, currently one million are facing extinction due to issues surrounding conservation.*



## Week Fifteen: *Team Spirit in times of a crisis*

Some of the most brilliant acts of humanity can take place in the darkest of times. Across the lockdown, all three of them, we have come together as a country and helped one another out in times of crisis.

Some of the more recent examples of this have been the Royal family rallying around the Queen when Prince Phillip passed away, or the public's incredible response to the story of Azaylia Cain; a baby who is unfortunately fighting a losing battle to Leukaemia.

*With this in mind, think about the following...*

- What do you think makes people come together on such events as those described and listed above?*
- Is there a particular skill or quality that you think most people need or have when it comes to supporting one another?*
- What other examples of team spirit have you heard of when it comes to such hard times of adversity?*







## Week Sixteen: *Bank Holidays*

Despite the lockdown taking hold of Britain, there's one thing that we all still love...

**A bank holiday weekend!!**

*But do you actually know why they are called 'Bank Holidays'?*

*Well; all national holidays in the UK are called 'Bank Holidays' as these dates were originally the days in which banks were closed from trading (still true!) however way back when they were conceived, the employees in the banks would have to work; using the time to work on customers accounts and 'tidy up the books'.*

*What do you often do on a longer, three day weekend?*

*Do you think we should have more bank holidays?*

*When is your favourite bank holiday?*





## Week Seventeen: *Looking Ahead...*



Would you believe that there are fewer than 10 school weeks left this academic year!? Probably even less for those of you in year eleven... That's gone scarily fast for both staff and students, despite us all having a lot of time away from the academy and working in a different way to what we would usually recognise as the 'normality' which we all love in a generic academic year.

With this in mind, have a think about the following...

**Year 7:** What subject are you looking forward to experiencing properly in year eight? Remember, a lot of subjects have had to adapt in these current, turbulent times!

**Year 8:** What subjects are you considering taking when it comes to your options next year? Is there a particular career you like the sound of already?

**Year 9:** What do you think year ten has in store for you? Which subject(s) are you looking forward to experiencing on a deeper level?

**Year 10:** What personal targets are you going to set yourself ready for year eleven? You guys have had a year of disruption, what do you think you need to work on the most to get the very best out of your school experience?

**Year 11:** What are your plans for after Nunthorpe? Where are you planning on going post year eleven?



## Week Eighteen: *Form Identity*

It's coming up a year since you were all put into new tutor groups. These have been brilliant in bringing people, and friends, in your own year group together; experiencing similar issues at the same time as others.

Thinking about a 'form identity' what would you say to the following questions. Have a discussion as a group with what you think are your answers as a tutor team...



*What are the core beliefs at the heart of your form; what causes and skills are you united on?*

*Do you feel that specific people within your form have taken on specific roles; is there a comedian in there? A natural leader?*

*What, as a group, do you think you need to get better on? If there is something that you all struggle to achieve or overcome, how will you start to do this as we move into the next academic year?*