

### **Key Stage 3**

Key Stage 3 at Stone Soup Academy has been established to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to thrive and access a broad, balanced curriculum.

The Key Stage 3 philosophy of creating unimagined futures by helping young people re-engage with an education along with assisting them to realise that learning can be a positive experience is something that we endeavour to do, so our learners can build positive relationships and have successful learning journeys.

Every morning the academy is open from 9:00 for Key stage 3 learners and the first part of the day is a strong focus on community and citizenship, this is done as each individual is welcomed at the door by their personal coach who is there to offer support throughout their time at Stone Soup Academy.

During this time we offer breakfast to all learners for those who want it. As learners are arriving and throughout the week we have a strong focus on PSHE/RSE/RE focusing on local, national and international issues, specifically those issues that impact young learners. This gives them the opportunity to have their view on specific topics by accessing 'Votes For Schools' giving learners the opportunity for weekly research, debate and votes on Current Affairs.

Throughout the curriculum, PSHE is a big focus and is incorporated into other lessons as the main focus areas of PSHE are emotional Intelligence, self-esteem, self-identity, citizenship, community, health, society, mental health awareness and drug awareness. These topics are incorporated within the curriculum along with external speakers and agencies coming in to deliver sessions. Within the Key Stage 3 provision at Richmond House, the timetable is something that we deem to be creative and with an extensive variety of subjects for young learners to access.

#### **The timetables that we have established consist of:**

- Maths
- English
- Science
- PSHE/RSE/RE
- Business Studies
- Music
- Sport
- Food
- History
- Geography
- Media
- Art
- Photography
- Reading

Within these subjects that we deliver, we give our learners to establish a good understanding and give them the experience of subjects that they have the option to study within year 10, giving learners a platform so that they can thrive and achieve in their education. We also give each learner qualifications through entry levels 1-3 in core subjects.

In addition to our curriculum, we offer opportunities to access off-site mentoring and sports provisions as we have built positive relationships with gyms, cycle studios and boxercise classes.

Further to this every Friday we offer Enrichment classes, these are for our learners to enjoy the time they have as they choose activities that they wish to do to finish the week. The opportunities for these

sessions include Ice Skating, Football, Cooking, Sports hall games, Xbox, Flo Skate Park, running, and many more activities.