Transitioning from Y9 to Y10 at North Herts Education Support Centre

Moving from Y9 to Y10 at NHESC is an exciting time, not only will you move to the next key stage of your education, but you will also move sites from Letchworth to Hitchin. This transition normally takes place in the 2nd week of July, and you will be supported every step of the way. You will already be familiar will most of the staff, although they may be a few new friendly faces to meet.

What will I be studying?

The KS4 curriculum at North Herts ESC aims to provide you with the opportunity to achieve a range of academic qualifications including GCSEs in English Literature, English Language, Maths and Biology. In addition, you can achieve a bespoke set of vocational qualifications based on your interests and aspirations including Hair & Beauty, Catering, Construction, Health & Social Care or Sports.

The curriculum is further supported by an extensive Personal Development programme that will focus on your broader development and includes contextualised PSHE, Ethics, Employability, Princes Trust and up to date CEIAG activities. The key aim of this KS4 curriculum is to maximise your opportunities and experiences ensure that you will engage positively with education, employment or training once you leave NHESC at the end of Y11.

<table>
<tr><th>Core Subjects</th><th>Vocational Subjects
Choose one from each block</th><th>Work Experience</th></tr>
<tr><td>GCSE English Literature
GCSE Mathematics</td><td>Option A:
Construction
Sport
Catering</td><td rowspan="3">Work experience is mandatory. You will be expected to attend a Work Experience placement every Wednesday.
Mrs Star will assist you with organising this</td></tr>
<tr><td>GCSE Biology
C&G Employability
PSHE
Ethics</td><td>Option B
Catering
Sport
Health & Social Care</td></tr>
<tr><td>Princes Trust
PE</td><td>Option C
Hair & Beauty
Enrichment Activities</td></tr>
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NHESC is committed to supporting you through each obstacle and encounter you may face, both in and out of the classroom. We continue to offer wellbeing support at this key time and academic staff will strive to help you and your parent/carers to best prepare for examinations. Parent/Carers will receive regular communications via half termly reports, termly back to school meetings and keeping in touch days.

Do you have any questions?

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