



Key Stage 4 (Ages 14 to 16)

Introductory Sheet

This stage of a child's education raises a number of issues for such a standardised work sheet because it is during a stage where the first glimpses of independence and control are introduced to the students learning. Choices may be made by students at this stage to some extent leading them in the directions which they are aspiring for, and as such our work sheet for key stage 4 has taken this in to consideration. We have focussed on a number of the compulsory subjects which students need to carry out such as mathematics, science and citizenship. While these are exercised it is natural that various skills in English reading and writing are also implemented and expanded.

English is an increasingly important subject, as more people around the world adopt English as a universal language. There are now few places where one cannot find at least one person who has a basic understanding of English, and as such it is important for students to be able to communicate in a variety of ways, sometimes using very simple or even creative uses of their main language. On the final page of the work sheet there is a further set of questions which allow you to expand the students English language skills (while also being part of the citizenship and PSHE subjects). We have given you the opportunity to engage your students in open verbal debate amongst themselves. However if this does not fit in with your lesson plan you have the opportunity to remove the page entirely or use it at a later stage back in the classroom.

Due to the issues above, along with the limitations of various other subjects such as physical education and ICT which often are impractical to incorporate in to field trips, the number of subjects explored within the work sheet may be a little bit limited. However the depth of the field of study is not the main aim of this activity, but instead we hope to keep the children engaged between what they do in school and how that relates to the outside world. Furthermore when presented with the opportunity to come face to face with some of the animals which we house at Wingham Wildlife Park it can be difficult for young people to remain focused, so we have tried to guide your students around the park, ensuring that they do not miss anything and do not lose their focus.

Many thanks

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