



ASPIRE (YEAR 7)

Every day the amount of knowledge in the world grows. At Crofton Academy we believe that it is important to teach pupils the skills to be able to find out and use knowledge that they need, when they need it. This skills-based curriculum will complement the traditional subject based curriculum, giving students the necessary tools and confidence to succeed in both education and life afterwards. It will focus on the following key areas:

- **A**spiration and attitude - this is about the goals and targets we set ourselves.
- **S**mart - looks at our own individual learning styles, strengths and weaknesses, deciding on strategies that will us to become successful learners in all areas.
- **P**erson and place - considers our rights, responsibilities and morals as students within Crofton Academy, the wider community and as members of a democratic society.
- **I**nformation - as critical thinkers, we learn to research and sort information, considering how reliable and trustworthy it may be, before using this to solve mysteries, present findings and engage in powerful debate.
- **R**esilience and reflection - at Crofton Academy we know that in order to be really successful, you have to be willing to make lots of mistakes. We embrace the challenge of “being stuck” and use independent learning strategies to find our way to a solution.
- **E**nquiry - through study of a range of relevant engaging topics, students work individually and collaboratively to solve problems and answer questions that naturally incite their curiosity.

Through the use of new technologies, different styles and approaches to teaching and learning, we aim to develop the skills and confidence required in the changing face of education and the workplace.