## **High Point Academy Curriculum Overview – Forest School**



Year Group	Intent/Rationale	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	The aim of Year 7 Forest	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors
rour r	School is to offer students a	Introduction to	Fire Introduction	Introduction to	Using Tools	Using Knots	Forest School
	broad range of outdoor	Forest School	Connector	Tools	Purposefully	within Forest	Arts & Craft
	experiences. Through this		students will	Connector	Connector	School	Connector
	exposure students will identify	Developers	explore fire safety	students will be	students will use	Connector	students will use
	their likes and dislikes.	Introduction to	and make safe	introduced to	drills to make a	students will be	a range of
		Forest School	fires.	different drills.	Forest School	introduced to	natural materials
	At the end of Year 7 Connector				Craft.	different knots for	to create natural
	students will be able to actively	Connector and	Developers	Developers		different	art.
	engage with sessions and	Developer	Forest School	Magical Forest-	Developers	purposes.	
	choose preferred activities.	students will	Explorer	Story Focus	Imagination –		Developers
		become familiar	Developer	Developer	Building	Developers	Using Materials
	At the end of Year 7 Developer	with Forest	students will use	students will use	Developer	Introduction to	for Art
	students will be able to engage	School routines at	a range of	magical texts as	students will	Planting	Developer
	with sessions independently.	High Point	equipment to	inspiration for	use den	Developer	students will
		Academy.	investigate	Forest School	building	students will have	explore natural
			habitats.	activities.	equipment.	the opportunity to	materials to
						use the	create natural
					_	polytunnel.	art.
Year 8	The aim of Year 8 Forest	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors	Connectors
	School is to revisit key skills.	Bug Hunting	Using Tools	Camp Fire	Knots & Lashings	Using Knots	Forest School –
	Students will have the	Connector	Safely	Connector	Connector	Purposefully	Creativity
	opportunity to apply their skills	students will use	Connector	students will use	students will	Connector	Connector
	more independently.	a range bug	students will	their knowledge	revisit a range of	students will	students will use
	A	viewing	revisit appropriate	of fire safety to	knots. Students	apply their	knowledge of
	At the end of Year 8 Developer	equipment to	tool use and	make a safe fire	will begin to use	knowledge of	tools and knots
	& Connector students will see	explore the	explore using	independently.	lashings.	knots.	to create Forest
	Forest School as a safe space	ecosystem at	knives safely.	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	School craft.
	where they are able to access	High Point	Davida	Developers	Developers	Developers	Davidence
	nature in a safe and non-	Academy.	Developers	Safe Campfire	Loose Parts –	Caretaking –	Developers
	judgmental environment.	Daveleners	Scary Forest -	Developer	Den Building &	Looking After	Using Material
		Developers	Story Focus	students will	Construction	Plants & Animals	to Print
		Sensory Play -	Developer	begin to learn	Developer	Developer	Developer
		Forest School	students will use		students will use	students will	students will use



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Manuel		Developer students will use their senses to experience textures within Forest School.	stories as inspiration for Forest School activities.	about fire safety routines.	their imagination to build.	explore how to care for plants and animals within their environment.	a range of natural materials to print and create natural art.			
Year	9 The aim of Year 9 Forest School is to develop students' confidence, self-esteem, and ability to apply their skills and knowledge to enjoy nature connection.  At the end of Year 9 Connector students will be able to use learnt skills independently. Students will be confident in assessing personal risk.  At the end of Year 9 Developer students will be able to choose preferred activities with confidence and gain enjoyment from being in a natural environment.	Connectors Species Identification Connector students will build on developed skill to analyse the insects present within Forest School.  Developers Forest School Through the Senses Developer students will use a range of senses to seek comfort from a natural environment.	Connectors Tool Use Connector students will independently use tools purposefully. Assessing personal risk factors.  Developers Forest Adventure — Story Focus Developer students will use adventure stories as inspiration for Forest School activities.	Connectors Forest School Craft- Tool Use Connector students will revisit learnt skills to make an item out of natural resources.  Developers Shelter Building Developer students will use their knowledge of loose parts to make a watertight shelter.	Connectors Safe Fire & Outdoor Cooking Connector students will independently build a safe fire. Students will cook (simple) over the fire.  Developers Fire — S'mores & More Developer students will make a fire with support. Students will engage in shared interaction around the fire.	Connectors Caretaking – Responsible for Site Connector students will support FS leader to manage the site. Completing tasks to help sustain the site.  Developers Forest School Art Developer students will independently use natural materials to create a piece of natural art.	Connectors Creativity – FS Project Connector students will create an end of year Forest School piece. Using learnt skills.  Developers Using Knots & Tools Developer students will learn simple knots to support with everyday tasks. Students will use these skills with support during sessions.			
	By the and of KC2									

By the end of KS3......

By the end of Year 9 students will have become confident with accessing outdoor spaces safely. Through engaging with Forest School, students will have developed their self-efficacy and ability to judge risk within outdoor spaces. Through positive engagement within Forest School this skill will transfer into classroom-based learning.



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10	Forest School is not offered as a discrete subject at KS4 due to the increase of subject time for qualification and college in preparation for							
	adulthood. Forest School experiences are still provided for pupils through extra-curricular activities and Wow days.							
Year								
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