# 2025/26 COURSE OVERVIEW (FOR 11-16-YEAR-OLD ADOLESCENTS)

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	1. Understanding Emotions
Emotional Intelligence	2. Managing Negative Emotions
	3. Boosting Positive Emotions
	4. Self-Regulation in Emotionally Challenging Situations
	5. Emotional Awareness
	6. Interpersonal Relationships & Emotional Intelligence
	7. Emotional Expression
	8. Active Listening & Communication
	9. Conflict Resolution Skills
	10. Building Strong Relationships
	11. Emotional Growth & Development
	12. Healthy Boundaries
	13. Self-care & Emotional Resilience
	14. Cognitive Restructuring
	15. Goal Setting
	16. Self-Compassion
	17. Social Support & Emotional Well-being
	18. Gratitude
Communication Skills	19. Effective Speaking & Listening
	20. Nonverbal Communication
	21. Effective Writing Techniques
	22. Debating & Argumentation
	23. Storytelling & Narrative Writing
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	25. Public Speaking & Presentation Skills
Creativity & Critical Thinking Skills	26. Problem-Solving Skills
	27. Design Thinking
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	29. Analytical Thinking
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	31. Creative Writing
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	36. Philosophical Inquiry
	37. Entrepreneurship & Innovation
	38. Ethical Decision Making
	39. Science Fiction & Futurism
	40. Creative Coding
	41. Environmental Sustainability
	42. Cultural Appreciation
	43. Innovation in History
Study Skills	44. Effective Time Management & Prioritization

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- 45. Note-Taking & Active Reading
- 46. Active Reading
- 47. Organizational Skills
- 48. Goal Setting & Motivation
- 49. Collaborative Learning
- 50. Research Skills
- 51. Stress Management Techniques
- 52. Test-Taking Strategies
- 53. Memory Techniques
- 54. Digital Study Tools

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# **MODULE 1: EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

## (Total Lessons: 18)

## **Foundations of Emotional Intelligence**

#### Lesson 1: Understanding Emotions

- Learning Objective: Students will be able to identify, name, and describe different emotions.
- Activities: Emotion Charades or Pictionary, Emotional Wheel Exercise

### Lesson 2: Managing Negative Emotions

- Learning Objective: Students will learn strategies for coping with and managing negative emotions.
- Activities: Breathing Exercises, Mindful Coloring, Thought-Challenging Techniques

### Lesson 3: Boosting Positive Emotions

- Learning Objective: Students will develop strategies for increasing positive emotions and building resilience.
- Activities: Gratitude Journaling, Positive Affirmations, Acts of Kindness

## Lesson 4: Self-Regulation in Emotionally Challenging Situations

- Learning Objective: Students will learn how to control their emotions and behaviors in challenging situations.
- Activities: Role-Playing, Social Stories, Emotional Regulation Techniques (Emotions Thermometer, Emotional Check-Ins, Mindfulness)

### Lesson 5: Emotional Awareness

- Learning Objective: Students will develop better awareness of their own and others' emotions.
- Activities: Emotion Journaling, Reflective Writing, Empathy Exercises, Guided Meditation, Body Scan, Mindfulness Journaling

## Applying Emotional Intelligence in Relationships and Communication

### Lesson 6: Interpersonal Relationships and Emotional Intelligence

- Learning Objective: Students will understand the role of emotional intelligence in building and maintaining healthy relationships.
- Activities: Empathy Circle, Conflict Resolution Exercises, Communication Skills Practice

### Lesson 7: Emotional Expression

- Learning Objective: Students will learn healthy ways to express emotions in different contexts.
- Activities: Drama or Improvisation Games, Art Therapy, Creative Writing

### Lesson 8: Active Listening and Communication

- Learning Objective: Students will develop active listening skills and improve their ability to communicate effectively in different contexts.
- Activities: Role-Playing, Communication Games, Listening Exercises

### Lesson 9: Conflict Resolution Skills

- Learning Objective: Students will learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and effectively.
- Activities: Role-play scenarios on Conflict Resolution, Practice Assertiveness Skills, Discussions on Empathy and Understanding in Conflicts

### Lesson 10: Building Strong Relationships

- Learning Objective: Students will understand the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships.
- Activities: Team-Building Exercises, Community Service Projects, Social Skills Training

# **Emotional Intelligence for Personal Growth and Well-being**

## Lesson 11: Emotional Growth and Development

- Learning Objective: Students will learn that emotions are normal and necessary and that they can adapt and grow their emotional skills.
- Activities: Emotional Biography Projects, Growth Mindset Activities, Emotional Maturity Assessment

## Lesson 12: Healthy Boundaries

- Learning Objective: Students will understand the importance of setting and maintaining healthy emotional boundaries.
- Activities: Circle of Control, Role-Playing Scenarios, Boundary-Setting Exercises

## Lesson 13: Self-care and Emotional Resilience

- Learning Objective: Students will develop self-care strategies to promote emotional resilience and well-being.
- Activities: Yoga, Exercise, Healthy Sleep Habits, Stress Management Techniques

# Advanced Emotional Intelligence Skills

## Lesson 14: Cognitive Restructuring

- Learning Objective: Students will learn how to identify and challenge negative thoughts contributing to negative emotions.
- Activities: Thought Bubbles, Cognitive Reframing Exercises, Positive Self-Talk

## Lesson 15: Goal Setting

- Learning Objective: Students will set achievable emotional goals and develop strategies for reaching them.
- Activities: SMART Goal Planning, Vision Boarding, Progress Tracking

## Lesson 16: Self-Compassion

- Learning Objective: Students will develop a more compassionate and understanding attitude towards themselves.
- Activities: Self-Care Activities, Mindful Self-Reflection, Positive Self-Affirmations

## Lesson 17: Social Support and Emotional Well-being

- Learning Objective: Students will recognize the importance of social support in maintaining emotional well-being.
- Activities: Peer Support Groups, Community Building Activities, Social Skills Training

## Lesson 18: Gratitude

- Learning Objective: Help students cultivate a sense of gratitude for the people and things in their lives.
- Activities: Create gratitude journals, participate in gratitude circle discussions, and write thankyou letters to people who have positively impacted their lives.

# **MODULE 2: COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

## (Total Lessons: 7)

## Foundational Communication Skills

## Lesson 19: Effective Speaking and Listening

• Learning Objectives: Improve confidence and organization in delivering speeches and presentations. Develop active listening skills and empathetic communication.

• Activities: Practice giving short impromptu speeches, participate in speech-writing workshops, engage in active listening exercises, participate in group discussions

## Lesson 20: Nonverbal Communication

- Learning Objective: Understand and utilize nonverbal cues in effective communication.
- Activities: Role-play scenarios to practice nonverbal communication, analyze videos of speeches focusing on body language, and participate in activities that highlight the power of nonverbal cues.

## Written Communication and Argumentation

## Lesson 21: Effective Writing Techniques

- Learning Objective: Enhance ability to communicate clearly and persuasively through written communication
- Activities: Engage in writing exercises to develop descriptive language, practice editing and revising essays, and participate in peer editing workshops

## Lesson 22: Debating and Argumentation

- Learning Objective: Cultivate critical thinking and persuasive communication skills
- Activities: Participate in mock debates on various topics, analyze and counter opposing arguments, and role-play scenarios to defend stances on issues.

## Storytelling and Digital Communication

#### Lesson 23: Storytelling and Narrative Writing

- Learning Objective: Develop the ability to craft engaging and meaningful stories
- Activities: Personal narrative writing, storyboarding, creative writing workshops

### Lesson 24: Digital Communication and Social Media

- Learning Objective: Understand and use digital communication tools and social media responsibly
- Activities: Social media literacy workshops, digital storytelling projects, online discussion forums.

### Lesson 25: Public Speaking and Presentation Skills

• Learning Objective: Gain confidence and skills in delivering effective oral presentations. Activities: Impromptu speeches, PechaKucha presentations, debate club

# MODULE 3: CREATIVITY AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

### (Total Lessons: 18)

## Foundations of Creativity and Critical Thinking

### Lesson 26: Problem-Solving Skills

- Learning Objective: Enhance students' ability to creatively identify, analyze, and solve complex problems.
- Activities: Engage students in real-world problem-solving scenarios, use brain teasers and puzzles to promote critical thinking, and encourage students to brainstorm innovative solutions.

### Lesson 27: Design Thinking

• Learning Objective: Introduce students to the design thinking process and its application in solving problems and generating new ideas.

• Activities: Guide students through the steps of design thinking (empathize, define, ideate, prototype, and test), facilitate design challenges, and encourage collaboration in design projects.

#### Lesson 28: Creative Problem Solving

- Learning Objective: Equip students with strategies for approaching challenges from innovative perspectives and generating unique solutions.
- Activities: Present real-world problems for students to tackle creatively, guide them through brainstorming and idea-generation techniques, and facilitate group collaboration in solving complex problems.

#### Lesson 29: Analytical Thinking

- Learning Objective: Enhance students' analytical skills in dissecting complex problems, synthesizing information, and drawing logical conclusions.
- Activities: Provide analytical reasoning puzzles and exercises, guide students in breaking down arguments and data analysis, and challenge them to construct well-reasoned arguments.

#### Lesson 30: Critical Thinking

- Learning Objective: Students will develop skills in analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information to form sound judgments.
- Activity: Socratic Seminars, Debate, and Argumentative Writing

## **Creative Expression and Exploration**

#### Lesson 31: Creative Writing

- Learning Objective: Develop students' creative thinking skills through writing stories, poems, and other literary works.
- Activities: Provide writing prompts to spark imagination, conduct peer critiques to encourage feedback and revision, and showcase students' work through readings or publications.

#### Lesson 32: Visual Arts Exploration

- Learning Objective: Encourage students to express themselves creatively through visual arts and explore different mediums and techniques.
- Activities: Offer art workshops in various mediums (painting, drawing, sculpture, etc.), visit art galleries or museums for inspiration, and facilitate art projects that challenge students' artistic boundaries.

#### Lesson 33: Improvisational Theater

- Learning Objective: Develop students' improvisation skills to think quickly, adapt to new situations, and collaborate effectively in a group setting.
- Activities: Participate in improv games and exercises to enhance spontaneity and creativity, perform improvised scenes with peers, and reflect on the decision-making process in improv scenes.

#### Lesson 34: Poetry Analysis

- Learning Objective: Help students analyze and interpret poems critically, exploring themes, imagery, and poetic techniques.
- Activities: Study a variety of poems from different periods and cultures, practice close reading and annotation techniques, and lead discussions on the deeper meanings behind the poetry.

# Advanced Creativity and Critical Thinking Skills

#### Lesson 35: Visual Thinking Strategies

- Learning Objective: Enhance students' ability to analyze visual art critically, make observations, and interpret meanings.
- Activities: Introduce the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) approach, lead discussions on artworks using open-ended questions, and guide students in developing their visual literacy skills through close observation.

#### Lesson 36: Philosophical Inquiry

- Learning Objective: Encourage students to think critically about ethical dilemmas, philosophical questions, and abstract concepts.
- Activities: Facilitate Socratic seminars on philosophical texts or ethical issues, engage in thought experiments and debates, and encourage students to formulate and defend their philosophical views.

### Lesson 37: Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- Learning Objective: Encourage students to explore entrepreneurship, design thinking, and innovation as pathways for creative problem-solving.
- Activities: Invite guest speakers from entrepreneurial backgrounds, conduct design thinking workshops for business ideas, and challenge students to develop and pitch innovative solutions to societal problems.

#### Lesson 38: Ethical Decision Making

- Learning Objective: Develop students' ability to analyze ethical dilemmas, consider multiple perspectives, and make well-informed decisions.
- Activities: Present case studies or scenarios with ethical implications, facilitate discussions on moral reasoning and values and guide students in evaluating the consequences of their choices.

## **Future-Oriented Creativity and Critical Thinking**

### Lesson 39: Science Fiction and Futurism

- Learning Objective: Encourage students to speculate about future technologies, societies, and ethical implications through the lens of science fiction.
- Activities: Discuss sci-fi literature and films, analyze futuristic scenarios, and prompt students to envision and narrate their future visions.

#### Lesson 40: Creative Coding

- Learning Objective: Introduce students to coding as a creative tool for problem-solving, storytelling, and digital art.
- Activities: Teach basic coding principles through interactive platforms, guide students in creating digital projects (e.g., animations, games), and facilitate discussions on coding as a creative medium.

#### Lesson 41: Environmental Sustainability

- Learning Objective: Foster critical thinking about environmental issues, sustainable practices, and solutions for an eco-friendly future.
- Activities: Explore environmental challenges through case studies and documentaries, facilitate debates on sustainability strategies, and engage students in hands-on projects promoting ecological stewardship.

#### Lesson 42: Cultural Appreciation

- Learning Objective: Promote cultural awareness and critical thinking skills through exploring diverse traditions, art forms, and perspectives.
- Activities: Expose students to different cultures through music, literature, cuisine, and traditions, facilitate discussions on cultural differences and similarities, and encourage students to reflect on their cultural identity.

#### Lesson 43: Innovation in History

- Learning Objective: Showcase examples of historical innovation, inventive thinking, and problem-solving that have shaped societies and civilizations.
- Activities: Study historical figures and events known for innovation, analyze the impact of inventions and discoveries on history, and challenge students to propose innovative solutions to historical challenges. VTIAL

## **MODULE 4: STUDY SKILLS**

#### (Total Lessons: 12)

## Foundational Study Skills

#### Lesson 44: **Effective Time Management and Prioritization**

Learning Objective: Improve students' ability to manage their time effectively to balance academics, extracurricular activities, and personal responsibilities.

Activities: Create personalized study schedules, use time-tracking tools to monitor daily routines, use the Pomodoro technique for productivity, and participate in time management workshops using the Eisenhower Matrix to prioritize tasks and set goals.

#### Lesson 45: Note-Taking

Learning Objective: Enhance students' skills in taking clear, organized, and comprehensive notes to enhance retention and understanding of course material. Activities: Demonstrate various note-taking methods (e.g., Cornell notes, mind mapping), provide guided note-taking exercises during lectures, and conduct note-taking practice

sessions in group discussions.

#### **Active Reading** Lesson 46:

Learning Objective: Develop students' skills in active reading, including critical comprehension, annotation, and analysis of academic texts.

Activities: Introduce reading strategies such as SQ3R (Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review), conduct close reading exercises with annotated texts, and lead group discussions on key concepts and themes.

#### Lesson 47: **Organizational Skills**

Learning Objective: Help students develop organizational habits and systems to keep track of assignments, deadlines, and study materials.

Activities: Provide tools for organizing tasks and materials (e.g., planners, apps), practice organizing study spaces and materials efficiently, and conduct workshops on decluttering and organization.

#### Lesson 48: **Goal Setting and Motivation**

Learning Objective: Assist students in setting realistic academic goals, staying motivated, and tracking progress toward achievement.

Activities: Guide students in setting SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound), conduct goal-setting exercises and reflections, and celebrate milestones and successes.

## **Collaborative Learning and Research Skills**

#### Lesson 49: Collaborative Learning

Learning Objective: Foster collaboration, communication, and teamwork skills through group study sessions, peer feedback, and group projects.

Activity: Organize study groups for peer-to-peer learning and support, facilitate group discussions and problem-solving activities, and assign collaborative projects that require teamwork and division of responsibilities.

#### Lesson 50: Research Skills

Learning Objective: Enhance students' research skills, including information literacy, source evaluation, citation practices, and using academic databases.

Activity: Provide research assignments with specific prompts and criteria, teach effective search strategies and database navigation, and conduct workshops on properly evaluating sources and citing sources.

#### **Stress Management and Study Techniques**

#### Lesson 51: Stress Management Techniques

Learning Objective: Teach students strategies for managing academic stress, maintaining well-being, and seeking support when needed.

Activity: Practice stress-relief techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing, and physical exercise, promote self-care practices, and provide resources for mental health support and counseling.

#### Lesson 52: Test-Taking Strategies

Learning Objective: Equip students with practical techniques for preparing for exams, managing test anxiety, and improving test-taking performance.

Activity: Teach study strategies like spaced repetition and retrieval practice, administer practice quizzes and tests to assess understanding, and conduct test-taking workshops on strategies for different types of exams.

#### Lesson 53: Memory Techniques

Learning Objective: Introduce students to strategies for enhancing memory and recall. Activities: Demonstrate and practice techniques like spaced repetition, mnemonics, and visualization.

#### Lesson 54: Digital Study Tools

Learning Objective: Familiarize students with digital tools and resources that can support their study habits.

Activities: Introduce and explore note-taking apps, flashcard software, online learning platforms, and other digital study aids.

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