

SHELDON SCHOOL

SCHOOL POLICY ON THE CURRICULUM

AIMS OF THE CURRICULUM

It is the aim of the school to ensure that the curriculum is broad, balanced and promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of all pupils in the school. It should also prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life in Britain, Europe and the wider world.

OBJECTIVES

The school has defined its objectives for the curriculum as follows:

- * It should be well planned, coherent and demanding, catering for the needs of individual pupils (see also the governors' policies on provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Gifted and Talented pupils).
- * It should be relevant and seen by pupils as relevant to their experiences and needs. The practical application of knowledge and curricular links with the community and industry should be encouraged.
- * It should encourage pupils to pursue academic and other achievement and realise their fullest potential in public examinations.
- * Religious education and daily collective worship should be provided for all pupils (except where they are withdrawn by parents on conscientious grounds). Religious education should be taught in accordance with the RE programme of study as drawn up by the Wiltshire SACRE.
- * It should deliver the National Curriculum including the cross-curricular themes of citizenship, information technology, careers education (see governors' policy on careers education), personal, health and social education (PHSE) (see also the governors' policy on sex education) and work-related learning (see governors' policy on work experience).
- * It should be enriched by the provision of a wide range of extra-curricular activities.
- * It should not promote partisan political views.
- * Learning should be monitored and supported by a programme of 1:1 academic tutoring.
- * It should be taught within the guidelines set out in the governors' policies on equal opportunities and race equality.
- * All educational activities must be carried out with due regard to the governors' policy on health and safety.

This should be read in conjunction with the school's Statement of Intent.

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Next review: July 2011