

## **CURRICULUM INTENT**

Our school is hugely proud of our heritage, identity and place within the community and our academic curriculum celebrates and complements this. We ensure that our students can see themselves within our curriculum whilst learning about the rich and diverse world within which they live.

We deliberately plan the core knowledge of our curriculum to build upon student's previous learning experiences in school and at home. We are academically ambitious for all of our students and the choice of knowledge and skills goes beyond the National Curriculum requirements. The learning secured at each key stage enables our students to progress confidently on to further study, training and the world of work and lead happy and fulfilled adult lives.

Subject specific knowledge is deliberately applied to a diverse range of experiences and perspectives to transform students understanding of the society within which we live and feel empowered to positively influence it. This is further supported by our amazing personal development and enrichment programmes that develop the whole person and provide exciting experiences outside of the classroom. Through our curriculum students embrace the rich and varied opportunities that life has to offer.

We implement our curriculum by:

- Scaffolding learning to ensure that all students, regardless of their starting points or needs, are challenged, access the curriculum in its entirety and realise their full potential.
- Explicitly teaching oracy skills and embedding regular opportunities for discussion and debate. Students will express themselves confidently and appropriately in a range of situations.
- Presenting students with high quality texts that enhance vocabulary and develop a love of reading.
- Providing timely feedback and opportunities for self and peer evaluation.
- Teaching the skills needed and the personal characteristics required to become an enquiring, independent learner.