



CURRICULUM POLICY

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1. Introduction

We believe that all pupils have a right to a broad, balanced and relevant education that provides continuity and progression and takes individual differences into account. The curriculum and its delivery also reflect our values, which permeate all we do both in and outside the classroom, and extra-curricular activities.

2. Roles and responsibilities

The Principal and Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Other Staff and the Governors will ensure that:

- All statutory elements of the curriculum and those subjects which the school chooses to offer have aims and objectives which reflect the aims of the school and indicate how the needs of individual pupils will be met. This will include how the subject will be taught and assessed, the use of language (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and the use of information and communication technology
- The amount of time provided for teaching the curriculum is adequate
- Where appropriate the individual needs of some pupils are met by permanent or temporary disapplication from the National Curriculum
- The procedures for assessment meet all legal requirements and pupils and their parents/carers receive regular information to show how much progress the pupils are making, how they compare with school or national expectations, and what is required to help them improve
- The local governing body is fully involved in decision making processes that relate to the breadth and balance of the curriculum
- Other members of staff will ensure that the school curriculum is implemented in accordance with this policy.

The Local Governing Body will ensure that:

- It considers the advice of the Principal and the SLT when approving this curriculum policy and when setting targets
- Progress towards annual targets is monitored
- Parents/carers receive timely reports on the progress of their child against clearly defined expectations
- It participates actively in decision making about the breadth and balance of the curriculum through the work of the governors' committee.
- Members of staff understand that political issues must be presented to pupils in a balanced way

3. Intent of the curriculum

Staff, members of the Local Governing Body, and the Saracens Multi-Academy Trustees believe that there is a strong positive correlation between success in life, and living the values of the school (Discipline, Hard Work, Honesty, and Humility). It is the aim of the academic curriculum, and the wider curriculum (including character education, enrichment opportunities, cultural capital activities, and futures activities) to embed these values into the lives of our pupils, to bring about academic excellence and personal development, to prepare pupils for the next stage in the education, employment, or training.

We also acknowledge the importance of reading and literacy, and so embrace the challenge as a whole school, of ensuring the pupils have a reading age that is at least commensurate to chronological age by the end of Year 9.

The curriculum offered should be broad and balanced and should:

- Cater for the needs of individual pupils of both gender, from all ethnic and social groups, including the most able and those who are experiencing learning difficulties
- Facilitate pupils' acquisition of knowledge and understanding
- Foster the values, qualities and skills that will help pupils to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally, morally, spiritually and aesthetically
- Be delivered through an exciting and stimulating learning environment
- Ensure that each pupil's education has continuity and progression
- Ensure that there is a match between the pupil and the tasks s/he is asked to perform
- Make use of the crucial role which parents/carers play in their children's education and encourage parental involvement in the educational process

4. Implementation of the curriculum

The curriculum intent will be achieved through:

- Outstanding teaching and learning in classrooms
- Creative opportunities to develop learning outside of the classroom
- Offering a wide range of activities to build cultural capital and reinforce learning in real-world environments
- Continued opportunities to take part in the arts (art and design, drama, and music) throughout pupils' time in school, through contributing to concerts, exhibitions, performances, productions, and our annual Arts Week.
- Provide a strong 'futures' programme that far exceeds the minimum requirements of the Gatsby benchmarks, and supports pupils in planning for an aspirational future/career

5. Impact of the curriculum

The School's curriculum should help pupils to:

- Value discipline, hard work, honesty, and humility
- Be organised, resilient, questioning, interdependent, and creative
- Be able to communicate, research, plan, review, and revise
- Be enthusiastic and eager to put their best into all activities
- Develop the ability to make reasoned judgments and choices, based on interpretation and evaluation of relevant information from a variety of sources
- Develop an accepting attitude towards people with different backgrounds and values
- Know how to think and solve problems mathematically in a variety of situations using concepts of number, algebra, measurement, shape and space, and handling data
- Be able to listen and read for a variety of purposes and be able to convey their meaning accurately and appropriately through speech and writing for a variety of purposes and to a variety of audiences
- Develop an enquiring mind and scientific approach to problems
- Have an opportunity to solve problems using technological skills including the use of new and developing technologies.
- Have the opportunity to study a modern language other than English.
- Be capable of communicating their knowledge and feelings through various art forms including art, music, drama and acquire appropriate techniques which will enable them to develop their inventiveness and creativity
- Know about geographical, historical and social aspects of the local environment and national heritage and be aware of other times and places and recognise links among family, local, national and international events

- Have knowledge and understanding of Christianity and of all the other major world religions
- Develop agility, physical coordination and confidence in and through movement
- Know how to apply the basic principles of health, hygiene and safety
- Feel prepared for the next stage in their development, be that within education, employment, or training.

6. Arrangements for Monitoring and Evaluation

The Local Governing Body will receive an annual report from the Principal on:

- The standards reached at the end of KS4 and KS5 (when applicable)

The curriculum is also monitored and evaluated in the following ways:

- Through reports to the outcomes committee by a member of the senior leadership team on the standards achieved by all pupils and all groups considered to be vulnerable
- By the governors' committee for issues relating to the general curriculum and its outcomes and the impact of any changes proposed by the senior leadership team or by external agencies
- The views of pupils, parents/carers, staff and outside agencies are always taken into account by the school leadership team in informing curriculum change.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Governors' Outcomes Committee will review the impact and effectiveness of this policy every two years.