

DOWNSEND PREP SCHOOL CURRICULUM STATEMENT

The Downsend curriculum is designed to fully cover the requirements of the National Curriculum, whilst recognising the specific demands of the various examinations to independent senior schools. It also strives to give a broad and stimulating curriculum which will encourage every pupil to achieve their full potential.

General Principles:

- Develop lively, enquiring minds, including the ability to question and to approach the solution of problems in an imaginative and methodical way;
- Comprehend information and communicate effectively through the appropriate use of language, numeracy and other areas of the curriculum;
- Develop the skills necessary to work as part of a team and collaborate with other members including the need to be sensitive to their view;
- Develop attitudes, values and beliefs in accordance with the accepted norms of the general community;
- Respect and tolerate other races, religions and cultures and understand how these can work together harmoniously;
- Heighten awareness and understanding of the environment and environmental issues and to encourage a sense of personal responsibility on a local, regional and global scale;
- Appreciate a variety of aesthetic, creative and imaginative forms and to express themselves creatively through a variety of media;
- Develop self-awareness, a positive self-image and the confidence to take advantage of opportunities to develop their own talents and personalities in order to live as independent and well motivated members of the community both inside and outside of the Downsend environment;
- Promote good health and physical development.

Further details are available in the *Teaching & Learning* Policy Document, also available on the Downsend website.