



Shire Oak Academy Curriculum Intent

Shire Oak Academy's ethos and 6 core values embedded in ASPIRE together drive our vision for curriculum provision and delivery. We have an individualised and diverse curriculum which aspires to respond to the local and national agenda both intelligently and creatively in order to ensure all our students receive a high-quality learning experience at all times.

Our curriculum is the vehicle to allow our students to become:

- Confident and successful individuals who enjoy learning, develop resilience, make ambitious progress and achieve high quality and meaningful qualifications.
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society including their local community and the wider international world in which they exist.

As an academy, the statutory guidance and requirements of the National Curriculum do not have to be followed. However, the academy feels that the National Curriculum provides a sound basis for a broad and balanced curriculum.

We believe wholeheartedly that in order to access a broad and balanced curriculum, all students need to be confident and proficient in the basics of reading, writing, communication and mathematics and these are given the highest priority at all times.

We believe it is critical that to deliver a high quality 11-18 programme we must appreciate fully the primary curriculum and Key Stage 2 in order to ensure ambitious progression takes place upon transition and that a high level of appropriate pace is established from the start of Year 7.

Finally, we consider it critical that equal opportunities and fundamental British Values are promoted and realised at all levels of curriculum provision. Whilst we provide individual and small group withdrawal support where necessary our curriculum is one which celebrates inclusion and tolerance at all times and we firmly believe that our diversity as a school ultimately enriches and enhances our curriculum for the benefit of all.

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Shire Oak Academy has designed a curriculum that:

- Encourages all students to be **aspirational**, inspiring them to dream big dreams which extend their horizons beyond their expectations.
- Allows students to have the building blocks to learn from failure, challenging expectations and striving for **success**.
- Encourages students to **participate** in school life, take an active part in lessons and take full advantage of the extracurricular opportunities provided.
- Promotes **integrity** encouraging the qualities of selflessness, courage, honesty, respect, commitment and doing the right thing.
- Enables each student to develop confidence, self-esteem and **responsibility** in all areas of school life.
- Encourages students to strive for **excellence** and high achievement in everything they do.