

Allerton Grange Curriculum Vision

KNOWLEDGE

- Curriculum is the progression model
- Progress - what do students know and what do they remember?
- Subject as a discipline through both substantive and disciplinary knowledge
- Sequential layered knowledge acquisition
- Responsive teaching

LITERACY

- Explicit teaching of both Tier 2 and 3 subject-specific vocabulary
- Oracy – students express themselves confidently using academic vocabulary
- Students write sophisticated answers in each subject discipline
- All students develop a love of reading, including the great works of classical literature
- Knowledge organiser homework – mastery of key definitions and spellings

A successful curriculum empowers students and ensures they are able to understand the changing world around them.

A rigorous and knowledge-rich curriculum provides students with cultural literacy and allows them to understand the context of their learning.

Accordingly, students do not just learn a list of facts. Through a focus on powerful knowledge, students also read widely and learn a range of crucial subject specific terminology.

Lessons at AGS are characterised by relentlessly high expectations and levels of challenge for all students. We believe that the teaching of broad knowledge to all children is the single most effective way to narrow the gap between demographic groups. We believe in developing the whole child.

Our curriculum, therefore, encompasses the wide range of enrichment opportunities available at AGS - from the performing arts and sports clubs to trips abroad. Ultimately, the AGS student aspires, grows and succeeds, going out into the world as a confident and intellectually curious member of society.

This curriculum vision forms the basis of what we refer to as the AGS cornerstones (KLAS).

ASPIRATIONAL ENRICHMENT

- Relentlessly high expectations inside and outside of the classroom
- An unashamedly aspirational culture and ethos
- A rigorous programme of PSHE and SMSC (including British values)
- Clubs, tailored mentoring, and sporting excellence
- An inspirational and engaging physical environment

SOCIAL MOBILITY

- Cultural literacy and intellectual capital developed through the knowledge-rich curriculum
- Advice about a range of aspirational career pathways
- Cultural enrichment through trips to and links with museums, galleries, theatres
- Links with Russell group universities
- Teaching students how to be and remain healthy and safe