

The Norwood School Curriculum: Statement of purpose

As an inner London community school, we strive to engage and reflect our diverse intake through our educational provision and remove all barriers to personal, social and academic growth.

Our school values discussion, debate and learning from others. We aim to deliver a rich, challenging and progressive curriculum, delivered by passionate experts, that celebrates diversity, builds confidence, nurtures curiosity, allows for personal and social growth, develops awareness of and passion in the arts and that, ultimately, seeks to create well-rounded, life-long learners who have a voice that is heard and respected.

This is evident through our determination to actualise our students' potential, by harnessing and nurturing their talents and enabling them to discover new ones, through a rich provision of learning opportunities both in the classroom and beyond.

We are equally committed to ensuring our students are able to master the knowledge, skills and social confidence necessary for them to progress to the next stage of their educational career and beyond, as confident, outward-looking individuals.

Key principles

It is our aim to deliver a curriculum that:

Demands resilience, independence and active engagement from students.

Develops strong communication skills; fosters tolerance, empathy & understanding.

Develops the core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT.

Recognises the key stages as developmentally distinct, with clearly identified end points.

Centres on the principle of equity of opportunity.

Develops a love of learning for its own sake.

Builds effectively on existing knowledge, skills and understanding to facilitate good progress, irrespective of starting points.

Is flexible in response to the emergent needs of our students and what is relevant to them.

Has a strong emphasis on creativity.

Prepares students for the world of work and further education.

Maximises exposure to, and appreciation of, the culture, heritage and diversity the city of London has to offer.
