

Hanham Woods Academy Curriculum Statement

Aspire

We raise the aspirations and ambition of our students by:

- Ensuring they develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to be an author, mathematician, scientist, historian, geographer, artist, musician, actor, designer, programmer, sports performer, official or coach
- Helping them to develop creativity, curiosity, fun, excitement and a spirit of adventure
- Organising powerful extracurricular opportunities including sporting opportunities, performing arts, trips, outside speakers and lunchtime lectures
- Delivering all-through careers education within and beyond the taught curriculum

Believe

Our students develop confidence and resilience through:

- Learning about other times, places, cultures and beliefs, as well as their own which in turn develops meaning and a sense of place in the world
- Experiencing success and progress through assessments of knowledge, understanding and skills developed through a broad and balanced curriculum
- Ensuring that knowledge develops into deeper understanding and meaningful cognitive schema for students

Inspire

We create awe and wonder in and out of the classroom by:

- Capturing students' attention and imagination through well-crafted learning experiences in the classroom
- Organising powerful leadership opportunities so they can be an inspiration to others

Achieve

We help students achieve highly at KS3, KS4 and beyond by:

- Teaching them the best that has been thought and said so that they have the cultural capital to excel in any chosen circle of life
- Preparing them thoroughly for their external and internal examinations
- Using extensive retrieval practice and low stakes testing to ensure knowledge is embedded and develops into richer, long-term cognitive schema
- Ensuring sufficient rigour and depth of learning is achieved as opposed to superficial or surface-level learning

Aspire, Believe, Inspire, Achieve