

Curriculum Principles

Our Curriculum Intent

1. Broad and balanced

- The school will develop and maintain a curriculum that is broad and balanced across all year groups.
- The curriculum be accessible to all groups of learners. Students with barriers to learning, including those with SEND and those who are disadvantaged, are provided with the support they need to succeed.

2. Values subject disciplines and builds subject knowledge

- Subjects are taught with passion and enjoyment by staff with strong subject knowledge and a good understanding of subject pedagogy.
- Students build a rich vocabulary (including subject specific key terms and concepts) and a strong understanding of the 'essential knowledge'
 (content and pedagogical) that they need to overcome barriers to learning and be successful in a range of subject areas in the future.
- Curriculum planning is 'joined up' and coherent, allowing essential knowledge to be revisited and connections made to new learning.

3. Promotes Northgate's Values

- The school provides an inclusive curriculum that promotes the Northgate values of respect, determination and teamwork.
- The diversity of the school community is celebrated.
- The curriculum enables students to develop a strength of character, and resilience that will help students to overcome the challenges they are likely to encounter in adult life.

4. Responsible, healthy and aspirational citizens

- The curriculum enables students to stay safe and become confident, active individuals by preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- The curriculum engages with community issues locally, nationally and internationally to allow our students to grow into responsible global citizens.

5. Fosters a love of learning

- The curriculum provides opportunities for students to develop the knowledge and skills they need for lifelong learning.
- It encourages students to take responsibility for their learning.
- The curriculum is engaging, challenging and provides an opportunity for all learners to succeed.
- Reading is enjoyable and enriches the learning experience. It is encouraged, modelled and discussed across the curriculum.