



a revolutionary response to school

Curriculum Statement

Vision & Aims

Atelier 21's vision is to be a school where children have lots of time to choose what they want to learn and are encouraged and supported to master skills at their own pace. All set in a culture of respect where adults see themselves as researchers of children who are committed to delivering an entirely relevant and personalised educational experience to every child.

Atelier 21 aims to:

- create a democratic space for children to learn that enables high levels of self-directed learning, assumes personal responsibility, and fosters innovation, curiosity and creativity, and respect for others which will help young people compete, contribute and thrive in an ever-changing modern world.
- develop confident, curious and resilient learners who can apply a range of higher order and subject specific skills to real life situations. Our pupils will make at least good progress from their individual starting points and develop a lifelong love of learning and the knowledge, understanding and skills which will support them in their future lives.

The Curriculum

Atelier 21 has an independently curated, emergent curriculum model, which is influenced by the Reggio Emilia Approach, the Montessori Approach and the National Curriculum - with underpinning principles from Guy Claxton's Learning Power Approach, where children exceed in mastering the skills that will be demanded of them in the future – thinking skills, interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, mental agility and development of character. We are privileged and proud to announce that Guy Claxton will be the Patron of Atelier 21. He is excited to work with the staff in a consultancy role at the school.

The curriculum is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework in the Nursery and Reception classes and the National Curriculum in Years 1 to 9. The curriculum is broken down into schemes of learning for each class, age group and subject. English and mathematics are delivered through published schemes of learning Hamilton Trust for English and White Rose for Maths, and those devised by the school and teachers' long, medium and short term plans.

The curriculum is delivered in a holistic way which covers all areas of learning;

- Linguistic

- Mathematical
- Scientific
- Technological
- Human and social
- Physical
- Aesthetic and creative

The school does not have a religious ethos, religious education is delivered through social, moral, spiritual and cultural education (SMSC), the personal, social, health and economic education (PSHEE) programme and self- directed learning (SDL). Pupils learn about the main world religions and are encouraged to reflect on their own beliefs and respect the beliefs of others.

The curriculum focuses on the application of skills and knowledge. There are mastery workshops (short focused lessons), big studies, self- directed learning, enterprise and innovation projects and ‘Wild Fridays’ (opportunities to explore the natural world outside the classroom).

Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

The school accepts pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), this includes those with education and health care plans (EHC plans) and those with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties (SEBD), each application is considered on a case by case basis. Pupils with learning or physical needs receive differentiated work and additional support in class. The school works with external agencies where appropriate.

Curriculum Organisation

Mastery workshops	Big studies	Self-Directed Learning	Enterprise and Innovation	Wild Fridays
Real life Mathematics	Myself- a study of how our brain and body works in order to thrive mentally and physically.	Setting own goals	School business – pupils set up a business and manage it in entirety	Forest School sessions inc. nature exploration, bush craft, survival techniques
Literacy and communication	Our planet, our choice – the impact of humans on planet earth.	Independent research projects of pupils choosing – often extensions of class work.	Studying and setting up a website and marketing tools for the school business	Adventure sports – eg. kayaking, rock climbing, raft building, bouldering
STEAM	Nature and the natural world- a biological and geographical study of nature.	Mastering new skills- playing an instrument, individual sport, cooking etc.	Studying the mechanics of different business structures	Hiking and rigorous outdoor exercise

Music	Events that changed how we live – the lessons learned from historical, cultural and political variance	Gardening, vlogging, podcasting, film making, music production, play writing	Exploring careers – work experience and work taster opportunities	Outdoor maths problem solving, curriculum link challenges to Literacy and STEAM
Modern Foreign Language	Current affairs – a real time study of political and cultural events.	Speakers corner – opportunity to share learning	Wealth accumulation and wealth building strategies – ie study of text ie Rich Dad Poor Dad	Community camping with families
Art	The Big Share – an exhibition/production/presentation or other form of sharing of pupil learning half termly	Learning Conversations- 1:1 reflection and mentoring weekly sessions with a teacher to develop a growth mindset towards pupil learning	Making a difference with money – charitable acts and impact	Big Studies curriculum link opportunities to study the natural world and the geographical and historical/political links and impact on nature
Technology				
Performance Arts				
Sports and games				

Pupils will be taught in mixed age and mixed ability groups; there will be a teacher and a teaching partner with each group. The teacher is responsible for the planning of high quality lessons, but lessons can be delivered by the teacher or teaching partner. Both members of staff will support, assess and challenge pupils.

Lesson Timings

English- 4 hours of workshop time, including Literacy 5, school meeting, class meetings. 1 hour of skills application through big studies, Wild Fridays and SDL (Self Directed Learning).

Mathematics- 4 hours of workshop time, including Numeracy 5. 1 hour of skills application through big studies and SDL and Wild Fridays.

Science- 2 hours of mastery workshops/STEAM

Music - 1 hour

Art- 1 hour

Modern Foreign Languages- 1 hour

Technology – 2 hours

Performance arts- 1 hour

Sports and games- 2.5 hours

Big Studies- 2.5 hours – multi-disciplinary, project-based learning of history, geography and religious education including current affairs

Self- Directed Learning - 4 hours (includes 1 hour of Enterprise & Innovation)

Wild Fridays- 3 hours (see above as this includes time for Maths and English time allocation)

Enterprise and innovation- 1 hour

PSHEE- 1 hour

SMSC-1 hour

The school day begins at 8.30am and ends at 4.15pm meaning 7 hours 45 minutes a day. Pupils have a flexible 20 minute break each morning taken at the discretion of the class teachers, and a short lunch hour of 45 minutes. There is morning and afternoon registration and a flexible break time in the afternoon of 20 minutes. Reception pupils learning through the EYFS attend school from 9am -3.15pm each day.

Assessment

Pupils' achievement will be assessed against National Curriculum objectives. Pupils are deemed to be working at an Emerging, Developing or Mastery level within each objective. Teachers use formative and summative assessment to track pupils' progress.

Teachers will assess pupils' progress each week during 1.1 meetings and pupils are encouraged to be self-evaluative and set personal goals.

The Curriculum Statement should be read in conjunction with;

- Schemes of learning
- Teachers' long, medium and short-term plans
- Curriculum Policies including the Assessment Policy

SMCS, British Values and Citizenship

When pupils leave our school we want them to be the most motivated they have ever been to burst into the almost adult world, ready to make the most of their lives and assume responsibility for themselves and their place in the world. We want them to want to contribute, and to do that we promote the fundamental British Values.

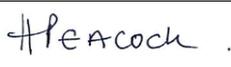
Values won't be assumed because schools *demand* they are, particularly if they're very different from those at home: they have to be arrived at through mutual exploration, critical analysis and understanding.

'Fundamental British values' comprise:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith.

Through strong teaching and quality lessons in SMSC development and PSHE we aim that we will:

- Enable every student to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of Britain.
- Encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely.
- Enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in Britain.
- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures.
- Encourage respect for other people.
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in Britain.
- Encourage respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

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