

Sapientia, Scientia, Aequitas

Wisdom, Knowledge, Fairness

Through a relentless focus on the core principles of wisdom, knowledge and fairness, our curriculum not only lays the essential foundations for rigorous academic study but also excites the passions and enthusiasms of our students. This is underpinned by the absolute conviction that a truly meaningful education and one that truly unlocks a child's potential is one that supports them in balancing academic success with a sense of personal ambition and social responsibility, one which values and promotes character development alongside academic excellence ([click here for further information about our five key character strengths and the character arc of our curriculum](#)).

Each subject studied at The Suthers School makes a unique contribution to the rich tapestry of knowledge, skills, experience and understanding that enables our students to excel within and far beyond the classroom. Through an intelligently structured and carefully sequenced curriculum, students secure the highest levels of core knowledge from which a deeper understanding and wider appreciation develops. This building of core knowledge is driven by the acquisition of subject-specific vocabulary, expertly modelled by our highly-enabled subject specialists and supported by the strong emphasis we place on oracy, reading and writing. The precise selection of knowledge and the routine exposure to authentic and seminal texts, inventions, masterpieces and performances reinforces the value of academic tradition and resilience. It is on these foundations that our students form connections in their learning and become greater thinkers, innovators, experimenters and risk-takers.

All subjects also play a vital role in developing students' knowledge and understanding of their place in the world, both locally and globally. Students are encouraged to be proud of their heritage and to develop a deep respect for the lives and experiences of others. Newark and its surrounding communities boast a rich and diverse past and one which has often been associated with world-changing events and world-leading advancement. This is a tradition that is championed and further developed through a sustained and deliberate emphasis on real-world application and close links with local businesses.

The core knowledge within our curriculum is even further enhanced by the strategically planned development of contextual knowledge and by consideration of viewpoints that contribute to an understanding of fairness within society, past and present. The deliberate teaching of topical, ethical and cultural issues also supports our students in developing well-informed opinions and equipping them to make well-considered decisions and so plays a vital role in nurturing their wisdom.

Through research-informed and intelligently sequenced learning cycles, our subject specialists therefore support students in developing the knowledge, experience and higher order thinking skills that will equip them with the capacity to achieve more than they ever thought possible and ensures that our students develop the intellectual curiosity, academic fluency and scholarly traits which will enable them to shape their own future and in doing so shape a just and equitable future for all.