

OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LINKS



The Governors and staff of The Whitby High School have always promoted and valued an International dimension in the school curriculum in order to enrich the learning experience of its students. We recognise that developing the International dimension across the curriculum will open up opportunities for students and enable them to feel part of a world society. We wish to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge for life in a global society and work in a global economy. Tolerance and understanding of cultural diversity is equally important in our wish to develop International links and community cohesion.

Through the curriculum and through global partnerships we aim to:

- Develop and maintain our established partnerships with schools in the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, the Czech Republic, Turkey, France, Italy, Lithuania, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
- Develop exchanges and e-mail links with our partner schools in other parts of the world.
- Develop new partnerships with school in other countries.
- Enable students to gain the knowledge, skills and understanding of concepts and institutions necessary to become informed, active, responsible global citizens.
- Enable students to understand issues of human rights and to develop a sense of social justice.
- Develop students' values and perceptions of other parts of the world and also celebrate our rich cultural and ethnic diversity.
- Regularly audit the formal and informal curriculum to assess the depth and balance of International Education opportunities.
- Foster and encourage positive attitudes to take part in the global community.
- Encourage greater involvement in environmental issues through the International eco-schools programme.
- Raise awareness of how the world is changing economically, culturally and technologically and foster a greater sense of interdependency.
- Exploit any opportunity to welcome overseas visitors to the school.
- Develop students' capability to communicate effectively and confidently in European and wider-world languages.

Objectives

- Work towards gaining the Full International School Award.
- Identify opportunities for developing the International dimension across the curriculum to focus on global development and global partnerships.
- Encourage teachers across the curriculum to work together to promote the International agenda and develop cross-curricular opportunities with partner schools to generate exciting new learning opportunities.
- Develop opportunities to travel and learn first-hand through partnerships links.
- Provide opportunities for students to learn about Business links with Europe and the rest of the world and develop their cross-cultural skills.
- Involve students and staff in welcoming visitors from other countries.
- Enable students to develop an understanding of major global issues.
- Provide staff with opportunities to benefit from professional development across the globe through interaction with teachers in other countries.

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