

STOCKPORT SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS POLICY

Intent

Our young people are growing up in a globalised society in which a range of languages and cultures are just a click or a tap away. They will have more international experiences available to them in terms of travel, cuisine, employment and culture than any previous generation. However, they are also growing up in a time of uncertainty and increasingly polarised viewpoints within society, so it is important that we provide them with a curriculum that educates them about and celebrates the vast number of cultures that exist both within the UK and internationally.

Stockport School aims to offer all pupils and staff a range of experiences to enhance their learning and raise awareness of their local, national and international identity. We seek to encourage pupils to take up their role as open-minded and forward-thinking citizens of the world through curricular and extracurricular activities that boost pupils' cultural capital and global understanding, as we believe this will have a powerful impact on their future working and personal lives.

Implementation

Stockport School aims to fulfil our international ambitions by:

- maintaining the full International Schools Award, and tracking our progress with respect to this through staff carousels, teacher feedback and pupil voice;
- recognising Modern Foreign Languages as a core subject, and ensuring that the majority of pupils sit a GCSE in French, German or Spanish;
- providing a variety of curricular activities relating to the global dimension across the school, and tracking this during staff meetings/training sessions;
- offering extra-curricular activities and study support sessions relating to discovering, learning and practising other languages and cultures;
- challenging all incidents of racism and using SEAL and PSHE activities to educate pupils about the damage caused by prejudice in society;
- using SEAL activities during form time to discuss local, national and international issues pertinent to pupils' lives;
- working with the British Council and Erasmus+ to identify opportunities for staff CPD;
- using eTwinning and other platforms to build and foster links with schools in other countries.

Impact

Through its international work, Stockport School will encourage pupils to:

- have an awareness of countries, languages and cultures other than their own;
- respect and value different cultures and beliefs;
- develop curiosity about daily life in other countries;
- communicate effectively with pupils in other countries through eTwinning and other platforms in English and/or another language;
- use ICT responsibly and in meaningful contexts;
- be prepared for life in a diverse global society and for work in a global economy;
- understand the future opportunities open to them beyond Stockport and the UK;
- participate in society as active and responsible global citizens.

Impact will be measured through a combination of pupil, teacher and parent voice as appropriate.

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