

Cultural Studies

Curriculum Principles

In an increasingly diverse world, it is important students are taught about different cultures and taught to be critical thinkers. At DKA, culture is about how we behave in the school community and outside of school. We aspire to create a positive school culture that reflects our mission and values.

Cultural Studies will be about helping students to not only appreciate and respect diversity in the world, but to create a positive school culture so students can excel on an academic and personal level.

**The Cultural Studies curriculum helps to reinforce our academy values and mission;
We are a safe and secure environment where children can learn and staff can teach.**

Aim to support students to value and respect everyone; to show civility; challenge any prejudice/ discrimination; limit behaviour issues; respectful of different viewpoints and ways of living.

We develop students who lead successful and happy lives and make a positive contribution to their community.

Preparing them for life outside of school; supporting them to be a better person (not just academically); teaching them skills and knowledge that will empower them when making decisions; helping students to develop as people and to understand themselves and others.

We will work hard to be the best school in the country.

Being the best means moulding the best individuals possible; helping students to gain an understanding of the world, both in a local and global context, giving them opportunities to engage with and discuss topics beyond the academics.

Our Cultural Studies curriculum ensures that social disadvantage is addressed through:

- providing students experiences of other peoples and cultures from around the world that they would not normally come into contact with
- sharing examples of careers that they may not have experienced or witnessed in their day to day lives Providing aspirational role models that show students what they can achieve.
- providing students with a look at how the world around them works by looking at local and national politics / news / current affairs.

We fully believe Cultural Studies can contribute to the personal development of students at Dixons Kings through:

- being able to formulate and discuss ideas and opinions about a variety of topics.
- the ability to understand and function in society better (e.g., Rights to vote)
- learning from previous mistakes
- developing an analytical approach to sources of information

Further Information can be found in:

- Long term plans
- Schemes of work