



## The Lyceum School - Curriculum Policy

The Lyceum School does not formally follow every aspect of the National Curriculum for pupils from Year 1 onwards, but takes due note of revised statutory frameworks for English and Mathematics. It takes the best from the National Curriculum and covers the syllabus required for independent schools entrance exams, providing a strong emphasis on the arts, and develops a strong work ethic emphasising independent learning skills.

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. There is considerable concentration on reading, writing and mathematics. Children work within broad topics which draw on history, geography and science and incorporate all areas of the curriculum; providing a holistic approach to education which enables vital links to be made so that children's understanding of the world can be fully developed.

The aims of The Lyceum Curriculum are to:

- Give pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, aesthetic and creative education
- Enable pupils to be creative and to develop their own thinking, learning and developing skills to the best of their ability
- Provide appropriate opportunities to develop independent thinking and learning skills
- Provide enrichment opportunities through a range of additional activities including residential and day trips
- Promote a positive attitude towards learning from which they can derive pleasure and enjoyment
- To provide pupils with a solid basis for lifelong learning
- Demonstrate the **spiritual, moral, social and cultural development** of each pupil as well as the physical and intellectual
- Provide pupils with an intellectual challenge and a sense of achievement
- Promote the well-being and safety of every pupil
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All children are offered appropriate teaching for preparation for entrance examinations at 11+, including tuition in verbal and non-verbal reasoning. We do not routinely prepare children for 7+ examinations.

All children are expected to complete homework beginning with reading tasks from Reception age. Parents are asked to support their child with homework. Children remaining at the homework club are expected, nevertheless, to take their work home for parents to share.

We use Golden Lane, The Artillery Ground, Bunhill Fields and Finsbury Leisure Centre for sporting activities. In addition children are taken to local parks. When available, during the winter, children also go ice-skating at the Broadgate rink. In the Summer Term, Years 5 and 6 attend a sailing course at West Reservoir. We aim for children participate in a physical activity each day. As well as sports, this may be dance, gymnastics, drama or small games, all provided on the premises.

The school has a thriving music department which enables pupils to learn a range of musical instruments. In addition, all children in Key Stage 2 perform in the school choir, with some children in the chamber choir and school big band.

Children learn French from Nursery onwards and Latin in Key Stage 2.

The Lyceum is very proud of its extensive programme of extra-curricular activities which offers a range of opportunities for enjoyment, involvement and improvement in both cerebral and physical activities. Activities take place before, during and after school and are led by members of staff and external coaches.

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