

SUBJECT INTENT STATEMENT

Our approach to the curriculum is holistic, coherent and integrated. The curriculum we offer is personalised and aspirational. It is subject to an on-going and rigorous review process, using our analysis of data and the wider ambitions of teaching and learning to ensure that the curriculum is effective in meeting the needs of all students.

New college Durham Academy Trust aims to produce confident, capable and articulate linguists, who can work independently across the four skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, using appropriate vocabulary, tenses and complex structures, whilst expressing opinions and offering justifications on a wide range of topics.

We aim to produce a broad and balanced curriculum with flexible pathways through the key stages to allow students to maximise their attainment by developing the skills and talents that they already possess.

Students are provided with a well-planned and challenging curriculum, which sets high expectations for learners, regardless of their ability. Students are able to achieve and be successful in lessons. In the classroom, pupils are encouraged to be resilient, understanding that learning from their mistakes is crucial to success.

Language learning is themed around relevant topics and ensures that the appropriate vocabulary; grammatical structures and linguistic skills are introduced and revisited at regular intervals, throughout students' learning experience.

The Spacing and interleaving of skills and vocabulary are evident across our schemes of learning and our curriculum gradually introduces increasing levels of complexity over time, to stretch and challenge students.

We aim to generate students with high aspirations, resilience and independence so that they can maximise the opportunities they are given to progress both with their language learning and in life in general, broadening their horizons and cultural experiences simultaneously.

We provide students with a range of enrichment opportunities to help them become responsible citizens who can make a positive contribution to society.

European Day of Languages is celebrated each year to reinforce positive ideas around diversity and difference. Embedding the notion that language learning and the secondary skills, which are encompassed within this, are important.