

# HINCHINGBROOKE SCHOOL



## INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Drawn up by:

SBC

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Inclusion & Equality (Community Cohesion) Policy, Acceptable Internet Use Policy and Learning & Teaching Policy.

The governors and staff recognise that:

- global issues are an important part of the lives of our students living in a world where economies are increasingly interdependent
- global communication is an integral part of the daily reality of our students – through email and internet access, an increased opportunity to travel, news stories from around the world, including coverage of international sport and other world events
- the global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our students, the ethos of the school, the Programmes of Study, Personal Learning and Thinking Skills and our Sports Specialism
- as a school we have a commitment to equal opportunities and racial equality

## **AIMS**

To enable our students to:

- develop an understanding of international interdependencies in a global society
- address global issues in the context of their learning
- value different cultures and beliefs
- celebrate the diverse cultural influences represented in our school and community
- enjoy regular contact with students and adults living in different countries

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To work towards achieving and maintaining the Full International School Award
- To conduct annual audits of curricular and extra-curricular activities to inform action plans to develop each of the eight Key Concepts of the global dimension across the curriculum. These eight key concepts we recognise as:
  1. diversity
  2. conflict resolution
  3. global citizenship
  4. human rights
  5. interdependence
  6. social justice
  7. sustainable development
  8. values and perceptions
- To develop opportunities to emphasise and to enhance the global dimension in the learning experience of all our students
- To develop and sustain a variety of global learning partnerships, through activities such as:
  1. email and internet projects
  2. interacting with visitors from other countries
  3. visits to places of international cultural interest in the UK and abroad
  4. student exchanges and international travel
- To positively promote the study of foreign languages and cultures by offering a range of appropriate curriculum options
- To recognise and celebrate our rich and diverse heritage