

Super Learning Day & Arts Week

Intent:

At Swanlea School, we believe trips, visits and journeys form an important part in empowering all students to realise our whole school vision and values. We seek to develop socially confident, responsible, resilient and independent learners through opportunities that complement our formal curriculum and allow all pupils to develop their cultural capital. All students have access to a comprehensive and inclusive series of trips throughout their school journey, comprising of rich and engaging learning experiences that students, particularly those who are disadvantaged, may not otherwise have access to. At Swanlea, we highly value the importance of each child's personal development and our students relish the unique opportunities that they are given to extend and expand their learning.

Implementation:

A key component of our extended curriculum is for each child to leave Swanlea having accessed a broad range of experiences that support and contribute to their personal development. We aim to ensure every child has visited a range of museums, universities, theatres, and key attractions in and around London, permitting our young people to acquire new knowledge and skills whilst exploring and engaging with experiences that are not readily available within school. We enable our students to gain insights into various real-life experiences, including but not limited to the arts and crafts, sporting activities, debate clubs, speaking unions, finance and banking, career-based workshops, field trips, group challenges and access to green spaces. Additionally, Swanlea School is proud to offer the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award, a programme that instils crucial real-world skills within our students, enabling our young people to tackle life beyond school successfully and confidently.

Impact:

The purpose of our extended curriculum is to provide a multitude of opportunities that support and enhance the development of every child's social confidence, whilst promoting the core principles that underpin our whole school intent and vision; responsibility, resilience and independence. Exposure to a wide range of experiences allow our young people to learn and practise codes of conduct, develop new skills, competencies and attitudes whilst building an appreciation and understanding of different environments and cultures. Our vast selection of trips, visits and extra-curricular activities support pupils in developing their cultural capital, promoting character building qualities that steer our students to be well rounded, global citizens. We believe that these experiences shape pupils futures and provide them with the essential knowledge they need to be educated citizens, whilst engendering an appreciation of human creativity and achievement. This is validated through our extensive student voice programme where pupils passionately vocalise the positive impact of the opportunities, we provide them with.