



Enterprise

Intent

To provide opportunities for young people to experience, explore and participate in the enterprise process in a realistic working environment making items to promote and sell in the school shop and in pop-up shops in the local community.

Learning and undertaking activities in social skills contribute to achievement of the curriculum aims for all young people to become:

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, making progress, achieving and becoming more independent with life skills.
- Confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling and creative lives.
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to school and their local society.

To provide opportunities for young people to investigate and demonstrate competencies in using work skills such as planning, research, production, buying resources, selling and advertising.

To provide young people with opportunities to maintain, consolidate, re-enforce, generalise and learn new knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to language, social communication & interaction with others, flexibility of thought (imagination), problem solving and independence.

Successful Enterprise education will provide opportunities for young people to demonstrate competence in the key skills of functional communication, numeracy, ICT and learning the whole process from taking orders from customers, to buying resources, to the stages of construction, through to decorating, pricing and sales.

Implementation:

Our aims for Enterprise will be met through:

Whole school emphasis on Enterprise and supporting the school shop and the Autisan brand.

Termly Individual class enterprise projects – depending on key stage and ability of young people. These are taught through various curriculum subjects from Key stage 2 to Key stage 4 such as Art & Design, DT or PSHE. Key stage 5 classes have standalone Enterprise lessons for young people to work on their class projects. Some classes have extra time for Enterprise at the end of the school day during Enrichment time activities.

The main vocational subjects/areas taught through Enterprise lessons are: Pottery, Horticulture/gardening, Woodwork, Seasonal Crafts, Candle/soap making, Card making, Recycled products and Seasonal Baking products.

During the Covid restrictions students have made a school shop catalogue for customers to order items as the shop in school has been closed down. The school shop also has an Instagram account where we can advertise the items made (@robertogdenschool).

Enterprise is also taught through young people helping organise and manage pop-up shops/stalls in the local community where they gain many social skills and promote awareness of the good work they do in the local area.