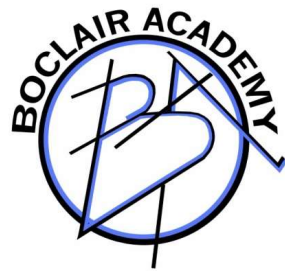


Boclair Academy



Maximising Potential through



Wider Achievement

RESPECT

HONESTY

FAIRNESS

ACHIEVEMENT

Background

In Boclair Academy we have developed a strong and inclusive all-through wider achievement programme over the last three and a half years which now offers a coherent programme from S1 to S6 for all pupils. This programme has allowed us to shape the curriculum in the school which reflects the four contexts for learning within Building the Curriculum 3, and in particular the three related to ethos and community, inter-disciplinary learning and personal achievement. The wider achievement programme is designed to allow skills progression of all young people within the school as they progress through the curriculum.

Partnership Working



All aspects of the programme provide excellent examples of the school's commitment to Partnership Working. All S1 pupils undertake a John Muir Award and this programme has allowed us to build strong links with our wider community and partners such as the Mugdock Park Rangers.

Our S2 Saltire Foodbank Programme, in partnership with the Trussell Trust Foodbank Organisation and ASDA, has further developed our community links and responsibility, and has ensured leadership opportunities for all our S2 pupils. This monthly foodbank allows all S2 classes to take responsibility for helping others.



Our S3 Dementia Friend Programme continues to develop our community partnerships and our focus on developing responsible citizens, in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland. All S3 pupils are Dementia Friend trained and we organise a dementia cafe each month in a local church where our pupils serve tea and coffee, perform music and talk to the elderly.

In S4 all young people undertake a national first aid training course which allows young people to develop a key life skill. Young people are awarded an SQA level 6 award at the end of the training. Delivery of this programme is supported by our Partners from Effective Solutions Workplace Training





In S4 all pupils will be trained in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme and as mentors they will visit groups of junior pupils to help deliver the message of a safe community within the school. Delivery of this programme is supported by MVP Scotland and allows young people to lead the learning experience for younger pupils.

Our S5 pupils have recently completed their Youth Philanthropy Initiative work with local charities. Three teams progressed to the Bocclair Final which was judged by a panel made up of school staff, parents and Business partners.



We have recently established a strong link with the national organisation Medics Against Violence (MAV), and over 80 of our S6 pupils are now MAV Interns. As well as developing their skills for learning, life and work, our MAV interns plan and deliver lessons to junior PSE classes on issues related to safety in our local communities and knife crime.

Our S6 pupils further develop their Saltire Award as part of the Bocclair Buddies scheme, supporting our junior pupils through S1. Throughout the year buddies hold a number of wellbeing meetings and support the Guidance Team in looking after junior pupils.



Our Duke of Edinburgh Programme for S3 to S6 pupils continues to grow with a clear pathway for young people from Bronze to Gold. We currently work in partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and East Dunbartonshire Council Outdoor Education Team to deliver the programme.

Community Recognition

Each of these individual programmes has had local or national recognition. Within the Broad General Education our John Muir Programme was highlighted by the John Muir Trust within their annual report as an example of excellence. Our Foodbank programme was commended by Scottish Parliament and highlighted for its impact on the local community by the Trussell Trust. We have also been commended by the Glasgow Care Commission for our work in keeping the North West Foodbank open and supporting families across the north of Glasgow. Our work in S3 has been praised by Alzheimer Scotland and pupils recognised through the Community Council Award for the last three years. We have recently been nominated for a National Generations Working Together Inter-generational Award.

Within the Senior Phase, we were selected by the national body to pilot the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme this session and our Youth Philanthropy efforts resulted in an invite to speak and perform at the national final in May. Our MAV interns have also spoken recently to two separate National Conferences at the Royal College of Surgeons to a group of Medics and a group of teachers, helping the MAV Organisation further expand its work across Scotland.

Other Achievements

Across the school a number of other Wider Achievement activities are on offer for groups and individuals in areas such as Sport, Music, Art, Debating etc. For more information on our Wider Achievement Programme please contact:

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