



Eleven by Eleven

In Education South West Schools, we educate children so they can live great lives.

We inspire children to develop the knowledge and character that enable them to leave school ready to lead rewarding lives in a rapidly changing world.

Cultural, sporting and artistic experiences help them discover their full potential. They further develop character through a resilient, determined and positive response to challenge. We want students to leave with the academic qualifications, skills and personal attributes that open doors to a fulfilling future.

Character Education is ***the wider personal development of a child beyond the academic education they receive in school***. It aims to instil in pupils a number of key characteristics and values such as resilience, honesty, motivation and humility, all of which will help them in their adult lives.

At Coombeshead Academy, we deliver Character Education through the Coombeshead Commitment and our Eleven by Eleven programme of opportunities and experiences.

Overview

Eleven by (age) Eleven – all pupils in ESW primary schools will have opportunities and experiences across the following areas by the time they move onto secondary school at the age of eleven.

Eleven by (year) Eleven – all students in ESW secondary schools will have opportunities and experiences across the following eleven areas by the time they end year eleven.

The Eleven areas are...

Leadership - Our students are the leaders of tomorrow and we create rich opportunities for them to work in teams and learn by leading both in their schools and across the trust. At Coombeshead we have a thriving Student Council and Rights Respecting School ambassadors. Students have opportunities to take part in shaping our community as tutor group and year group representatives. Students also have leadership opportunities working with primary schools across Education South West.

Performing Arts - The performing arts encourage our students to explore their emotions, expand their imagination and helps them develop their own, unique voice. Students experience a wide range of performing arts opportunities throughout their time at Coombeshead, both as a performer in music and drama events, technical support in performances and as a member of an audience. Students regularly visit local theatres to enjoy local and national productions such as the Matthew Bourne Theatre Company perform Edward Scissorhands.

Wellbeing/Mental Health/First Aid – We give our students the skills to look after themselves and their friends and families so they can stay mentally and physically fit and strong. Both through curriculum content and a programme of events and visitors we focus on developing their awareness and skills in these crucial areas. We have NHS trained



student mental health ambassadors and we are a MHST school and continue to develop links in this area.

Cultural Visits - We organise a range of visits and trips to cities, museums and galleries to help children to understand and appreciate the rich heritage and cultural diversity both locally and beyond our immediate community. For example, visits to the RAM museum in Exeter, residential visits to living history museums in the Midlands and the Y7 residential visit to Okehampton Adventure happen on an annual basis.

Local Community Involvement – At Coombeshead we value our position in our local community. Through our strong links and programmes we promote connection, belonging and responsibility to the community of Newton Abbot and the wider Teignbridge area. We work closely with Devon Young Carers, HITS foodbank. We support local charities with our Christmas shoe box appeal.



Sports – At Coombeshead, students are given opportunities to take part in a range of sports. They represent their school in tournaments and matches and make links with local sports clubs in the community. In addition to this, all students have regular opportunities to represent their house in a variety of sporting competitions making good use of our excellent sports facilities. Y11 boys rugby recently progressed through to the South Devon rugby final, we enjoy regular success at regional cross country championships and students

getting involved in coaching and training of others as sports leaders.

Environmental Activities/Awareness –Through discussion, debate and direct action, we help our students to understand how to look after and improve the natural environment and how they can improve the world in which we live. The Eco-Committee meet regularly and undertake work around the school site such as planting of flowers. Students are actively involved in the design and development of a school wildlife garden.

Careers/Preparation for the world of work – We help our students to gain the knowledge and skills they need to successfully navigate their way through career choices and changes. Students take part in mock interviews, attend careers fairs and engage in work experience placements. The annual careers fair happens in November and all students attend. Students also have multiple opportunities to meet a range of employers and trainers as well as attend workshops from different providers including apprenticeships.

Outdoor Education – Through our trips and residentials, and our Duke of Edinburgh offer, we give students opportunities to experience outdoor activities and explore the natural world in an exciting and inspiring way. For example, the majority of our students in Year 7 attend our outdoor pursuits residential at Okehampton and as part of our enrichment week offer, all students take part in a walking challenge exploring the local environment along the Templar Way.



Wider World Culture – Through meaningful links with organisations, schools and charities we help our students to develop an understanding of and respect for the ways that people live across the world. Residential trips are offered in France and the Netherlands. Key Stage 3 students engage in letter writing with partner schools in Brittany, France as part of their Modern Languages lessons. Q and A sessions are organised with our overseas students (most recent examples

include Chile and Paraguay). Linking in with the Edukid charity, expeditions have allowed students to visit Uganda with a current visit to Ecuador being planned.

Learning a New Skill/After School Clubs – Through our wide-ranging extra-curricular offer, we give our students the opportunity to develop their skills and learn new ones both during the school day and after school. Details of clubs can be found on the Coombeshead website.