

Outdoor Learning at The William Henry Smith School & Sixth Form



Intent

To promote physical development and competence to enable our students to participate in worthwhile outdoor activities both at school and throughout life.

To promote an understanding of the benefits of exercise and its contribution to a healthy life style.

To build self-esteem and positive attitudes towards success, areas for growth and safety in outdoor education.

To develop the qualities of perseverance, commitment, self-discipline and control, integrity, and fairness.

Implementation

Our students participate in weekly outdoor education lessons and opportunities delivered by an outdoor learning specialist. They have the opportunity to make use of the extensive school grounds, nature garden and farm to access cross curricular lessons.

Our students will learn through a range of outdoor activities transferrable skills such as resilience, personal and social skills, organisation, time keeping, teamwork and the ability to recognise hazards. These activities also support the students to work together and develop a sense of responsibility and confidence.

All our students have opportunities throughout the year to take part in additional outdoor activities and some of our students in our annual school camp week take part in more adventurous outdoor experiences through specialist providers.

Impact

Our students will develop imagination and creativity, develop resilience and the ability to work as a team.

Our students will demonstrate an understanding of nature, the world around us, be able to grow plants and vegetables.

All our students have the opportunity to work towards gaining AQA and OCR qualifications and the opportunity to gain a bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and some students will progress to a Silver or Gold award.

