

EXTENDED CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

At Phoenix Academy we believe that, when learning outside the classroom, our Students can attain higher levels of knowledge and skills, improve their physical health and increase their motor abilities, socialise and interact in new and different ways with their peers and adults. This provides opportunity to show improved attention and enhanced self-esteem and mental health and change their environmental behaviours and their values and attitudes.

Our grounds provide space and freedom for a type of learning that is difficult to replicate inside a classroom. We intend to extend the availability of outdoor learning over the next academic year, including a focus on environmental science and ecology.

We will encourage Students to become involved in outdoor learning projects that use our natural environment, offering gardening projects which link closely to many areas of the curriculum including science, Design and Technology and speaking and listening skills as well as activities such as shelter making, natural craft and woodwork.

We also provide off-site outdoor and sporting activities, which assist in developing self-confidence and increasing self-image.

Our Outdoor and Experiential learning programme and access to off-site and extra-curricular activities will give learners the opportunity to explore and learn beyond the classroom. This will allow them to, build their life skills and develop a wide variety of activity specific skills and knowledge. Through the Outdoor learning curriculum and the access to group activities, we aim to provide students with a wide variety of positive experiences that will not only help to build their self-esteem and social skills but also provide them with memories they can cherish for the rest of their lives. Our outdoor learning will encourage personal growth by supporting students in challenging and unfamiliar activities, environments and situations. Learners have the opportunity to work towards building their personal development in terms of courage, leadership, teamwork and raising self-esteem.