



Warwick Academy

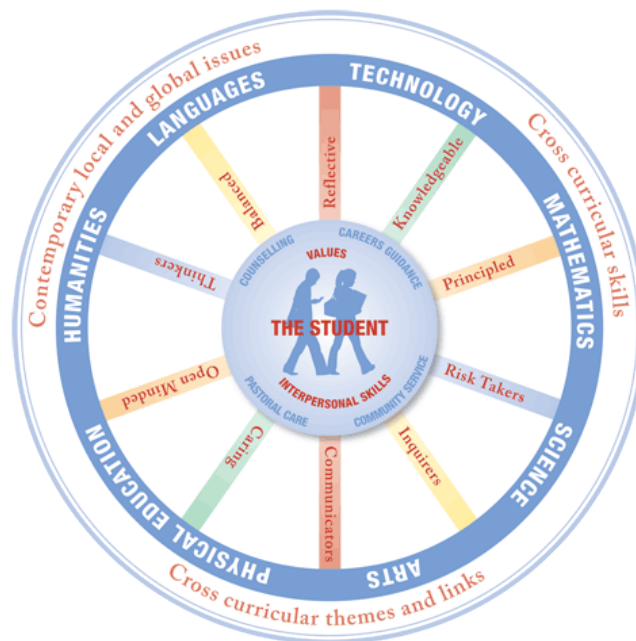
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Instructional Media Policy

MISSION STATEMENT

Building on centuries of excellence, we provide an international educational environment designed for our diverse student body. Our innovative curriculum is delivered with a commitment to personalised pastoral care and enhanced by a dynamic co-curricular programme. We strive to create a culture of collaboration so that our students can become lifelong learners, global thinkers and successful leaders.

CURRICULUM MODEL



NOTES

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Staff involved: Strategic Team

Warwick Academy supports the viewing, reading, and listening of appropriate instructional media (video, text, and music) across the Primary & Secondary Schools (all ages).

When using any instructional media such as, internet video streaming, DVDs, written text, and music (in particular the lyrics), the following must be considered:

1. The capacity of the instructional media to support the curriculum.
2. The capacity to reach the personal interest level, maturity, and ability of students.
3. The importance of the subject matter in the context of the cultural diversity of the school.
4. The age appropriateness. Use guidelines from resources like the Motion Picture Association of America or the British Board of Film Classification guidelines; and reviews from other recognised sources like: commonsensemedia.org.
5. Use of all instructional media must comply with copyright laws and regulations.

Staff must follow this process when making a decision about what instructional media to share with students in class:

1. Have you watched/listened/read it fully?
2. Does it meet the instructional needs of the students?
3. Have you used an appropriate source to help categorise/review the appropriateness of the instructional media you are using? For example, use Common Sense Media for movies (referenced above).
4. Is there an age restriction?
 - A. If YES:
 - a. **The age restriction must be appropriate for that age group.**
 - b. **For a rating above the age of the students:**
 - i. The Deputy Head: Curriculum must be consulted in advance of a rating above the age of the students.
 - ii. A signed parental permission form including descriptive information about the instructional media (movie/DVD/internet clip/song/text) as well as the instructional purpose is required in advance for all students. In some cases, a letter can be provided at the start of the academic year to cover all the media that a course or subject will use throughout the year. This avoids having to send out individual letters over the course of the year.
 - c. The section/portion of the media to be viewed/listened to/read is such that it is appropriate for the age group using the material, it can then be used.
 - B. If NO:
 - a. Some types of media may not be age rated and (b) will be your default position.
 - b. Using your professional opinion is the instructional media age appropriate. If you are unsure of appropriateness, consult with your line manager and/or Deputy Head: Curriculum for approval before using the media.