CURRICULUM INTENT

We aim to instil a sustained love of language learning by exploring both ancient and modern customs, therefore deepening all students understanding and appreciation of the world around them.

The Sanskrit curriculum is ambitious in ensuring all students are able to develop essential skills and knowledge to become proficient in one or more foreign language. Foreign language learners will develop their linguistic skills in all four areas: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Through a rich and varied curriculum, students will learn to communicate for a range of different purposes and contexts, with accuracy and fluency.

We hope that through learning both a modern and ancient foreign language students will be able to enrich their life experiences with new connections in other countries and increased opportunities for work and travel.

THE AVANTI WAY

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE	CHARACTER FORMATION	SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

"Education gives Humility; Humility gives Character; from Character one gets Wealth; from Wealth one gets Righteous life; from Righteousness one gets Happiness."
Source: Hitopadesha 6

In Sanskrit Students are guided in their paths of learning with opportunities for in-depth study and to gain a deeper insight into Sanskrit's unique language structures and culture.

**"May there be happiness in all
May there be peace in all
May there be completeness in all
May there be success in all
Om, Peace, Peace, Peace"**
Source:Upanishad

Avanti's virtues of respect, self-discipline, courage, integrity, empathy and gratitude are tangible throughout planning in lesson time and beyond the classroom.

"Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reaction. Do not fear."
Source:Bhagvad Gita

Students have profound and stirring experiences of religious education, festivals and other activities for spiritual cultivation.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Sanskrit is taught as an ancient language, i.e. with the purpose of learning grammar and translating texts from the Ancient Indian library. Texts include Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita and Ramayana. Students will develop skills in grammatically analysing texts, which in turn helps to improve grammar skills across the Indo-European language tree.

TERM	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
AUTUMN 1	Classroom Instructions Polite expressions	Vowels and consonants revision	Plural Nouns
AUTUMN 2	Vowels Consonants (2 families)	Vowel-Consonant combination Simple sentence	Translations
SPRING 1	Consonants (3 families)	Vocabulary Simple sentence	Present Tense
SPRING 2	Vowel-Consonant combination	Accusative case	Past and Future Tense

SUMMER 1	Consonant combination	Instrumental case	Translations
SUMMER 2	Translation	Revision	Vedic Maths

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

In Sanskrit lessons students are assessed in a variety of ways and at regular points in the term to ensure optimum retention and retrieval of key language, key structures and key skills developed throughout each topic.

Feedback is provided following the whole school 'SIA' approach which allows for personalised and timely feedback on individuals 'Strengths' 'Improvements' and required 'Actions'. Subsequently, dedicated improvement time is allocated in lessons for all students to act upon personalised 'SIA' feedback and seek additional support in order to make optimum progress.

A range of assessments are used in Sanskrit:

- Formal tests / examinations
- Tracking of quality of class and homework through books/folders

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

- Ensure your child is spending 5-10 minutes every evening learning weekly Sanskrit vowels and consonants using the copy, cover, write, check method each time.

- Take home independent learning Sanskrit workbooks and practise as instructed by the teacher.

- Ensure your child is spending 5-10 minutes every evening learning weekly Sanskrit alphabets and spellings using the copy, cover, write, check method each time.

- *A fantastic fun, free app to learn Sanskrit through games.* Click on the below link to download your 'Getting Started' with Sanskrit course for free:
  http://digitalsanskritguru.com/downloads/Sanskrit_beginners_pack.zip

- Flash cards are a great way to help the pupils learn the vocabulary given.

- Watch Sanskrit alphabet song online to revise alphabets.

- Quizlet will soon be available to access, where you will find all the vocabulary listed with meanings.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR / SUPER-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Sanskrit study support club takes place on a Fridays during lunchtime and is available to all students to receive extra support or at relevant times in the year.