

# Woodbridge School INTERNATIONAL

## 1 Policy Statement

This policy is the development of one of the eight aims of Woodbridge School that is; "To provide a liberal and enduring education in which pupils are exposed to the musical, artistic, literary, scientific, dramatic culture of **Western Europe and beyond**; are encouraged to take every opportunity to actively or passively immerse themselves in this culture".

From that the specific objectives relevant to the international policy are:

- 1.1 Academic Objective: "All pupils will have the opportunity to speak foreign languages before the age of 11; and unless inappropriate will study at least one foreign language to GCSE."
- 1.2 Cultural Objective: "All pupils should be made aware of the historical influences of other cultures on British and European life. All pupils should be made aware, to an appropriate level, of political and national scenes."
- 1.3 Spiritual, Religious and Moral Objective 8: "All pupils are made aware of the major ethical, ecological and environmental issues confronting the world population."
- 1.4 Pastoral and Social Objective 4: "To inculcate the importance of putting the needs of others of all ages, creed, colour and gender before oneself, and through this to contribute to the needs of the wider community."
- 1.5 The implementation of the objectives is throughout the School.

## 2 Procedure

The School will:

- 2.1 Encourage overseas pupils to present their country's view point during lessons on e.g. political, historical and environmental issues.
- 2.2 Through appropriate lessons (e.g. music and drama) ensure that opportunities are taken to experience cultures of the wider world (e.g. Japan 2001).
- 2.3 Investigate all extra curricular opportunities to widen pupils' understanding and knowledge.

- 2.4 Continue to investigate EU Comenius sponsored opportunities to bring pupils of different EU countries together, and to continue to market these as an important part of a young person's education.
- 2.5 Continue to support and encourage the present Year 9 Australia and Year 11 South Africa exchanges. The School will continue to welcome Year 12 students from Eastern Europe as part of the HMC East European Scholarship scheme.
- 2.6 Encourage staff to undertake training and sabbaticals in overseas countries and through that bring a wider variety of approaches to teaching and learning, thus benefiting the pupils.
- 2.7 Mark all major national days by flying the appropriate flag if available and will mark each national day with an appropriate lunch menu.

### **3 Evaluation**

During May each year the policy will be evaluated by the Headmaster, the Director of Studies and the Head of International Exchanges.

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