



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT ST IVES SCHOOL

THE ACADEMY- CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION STATEMENT OF INTENT

WHAT IS THE ACADEMY?

The Academy is an umbrella term we use to capture all the terrific experiences and opportunities that are not part of the standard curriculum or delivered through the 'Be Inspired' programme., Through our 'The Academy Presents' programme, we aim to provide a rich variety of sessions designed to enrich students' learning and knowledge of the world.

CAN ANYONE JOIN?

The answer to this is a resounding 'Yes!'. In previous years our 'High Performance Academy' required a certain level of attainment in order to qualify for membership. 'The Academy' is different. At St Ives School, we want to be inclusive, which is why the Academy sessions are open to all. If your child is interested in attending a session or event, they are free to. As they attend sessions they will gain membership of The Academy.

DOES THE ACADEMY STILL HAVE MEMBERS?

We liked the idea of membership to an Academy and have maintained this idea going forward. There are different levels of membership represented by different colours: bronze, silver and gold. The different levels are achieved through attending different sessions. By attending five sessions, students become bronze members; at 10 session's students earn their silver badge and then by attending 15 sessions, students gain their gold. Gold members will have a say in the kinds of sessions that will be delivered in the future.

WHAT KIND OF SESSIONS ARE ON OFFER?

We aim to put on sessions run by teachers in the school and also through our links with higher and further education institutions (such as Truro and Penwith College and Next Step South West) and by specialists in their field. The idea is that we bring the world into school so that our students have exposure to a range of different subjects and disciplines. There will also be trips and visits, sometimes during the school day and sometimes after school.

HOW CAN WE SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS?

There will be an opportunity to sign up for events using the School Comms system. Notification of The Academy Presents sessions will also be emailed home to all parents and be displayed termly on the school website.