

Shaping positive pupil experiences through IAPS

Our purpose

Our Sport and Pupil Experience programme exists to give children positive, memorable and meaningful experiences that support their development beyond the classroom.

Every experience should help pupils feel included, challenged and proud, while building confidence, character and a sense of belonging. The focus is always on the child and what they take away from being involved.

Our aims

We want every pupil who takes part in our events to:

- Enjoy being involved and feel positive about participation
- Experience appropriate challenge and learn from both success and setback
- Develop confidence, resilience and independence
- Feel a sense of pride in themselves, their effort and their school
- Build friendships and feel part of a wider IAPS community

The experiences should stay with pupils long after the event itself, shaping how they see themselves, build relationships and approach challenge and opportunity in the future.

What pupils should experience

Through our events, pupils should have opportunities to:

- **Try new things:** To step outside their school environment and experience opportunities they might not have chosen to do.
- **Be challenged appropriately:** To compete or perform at a level that stretches them, while feeling supported and safe.
- **Learn through experience:** To learn how to win and lose well, work with others, show resilience and reflect on their own progress.
- **Belong to something bigger:** To enjoy taking part and representing their school as part of a wider community of pupils.
- **Create lasting memories:** To share meaningful moments with peers that build confidence, friendship and excitement around participation.

Our values

These values describe what we want pupils to feel, learn and carry forward from every event.

Enjoyment: Pupils enjoy taking part. Experiences are positive, engaging and rewarding, with enjoyment at the heart of participation.

Opportunity: Pupils are given a breadth of opportunities to discover interests, develop skills and step beyond their comfort zones.

Respect: Pupils learn to respect themselves and others. They show fairness, empathy and consideration for teammates, opponents, staff and officials.

Pride: Pupils feel proud of their effort, behaviour and improvement, as well as proud to represent their school and be part of an IAPS event.

Participation: Every pupil feels included and valued. Taking part matters, regardless of outcome, ability or result.

These aims and values are at the centre of everything we do and help ensure that our events remain child focused and inclusive. Success is measured not just by outcomes on the day, but by the confidence, pride and positive memories pupils take with them afterwards.