



# Malbank School & Sixth Form College

*Rejoice in being the best that we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

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At Malbank, we are constantly striving to improve communication between home and school to ensure the best possible support for our students. As part of this ongoing effort, we are excited to share more information with you about the structure of our curriculum. By doing so, we aim to foster a stronger connection between your child's learning at school and their growth at home.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide students with a well-rounded and engaging educational experience, preparing them not only for academic success but also for the challenges of the modern world. We are proud to share that our curriculum is structured around a **Head, Heart, Hand** framework, which ensures that students develop in all areas—academically, personally, and practically:

## Head (Knowledge)

This aspect of the curriculum represents the key knowledge and understanding that students will acquire in each subject

## Heart (Personal Skills and World Understanding)

The "Heart" element is focused on helping students grow as individuals by developing personal skills such as empathy, resilience, kindness, and teamwork. It also helps students understand the world around them, fostering global awareness, cultural understanding, and social responsibility

## Hand (Practical Skills)

The "Hand" component emphasizes the practical application of the knowledge students have gained. This includes developing essential skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and hands-on abilities in more practical subjects.

## How the Curriculum Comes Together

By integrating the **Head, Heart, Hand** framework into all areas of learning, we ensure that students receive a balanced and holistic education. For example, a Geography lesson might combine:

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- **Head:** The Physical and human causes of flooding and the causes, effects and responses to Boscastle flood
- **Heart:** Empathy with those impacted by flooding and an awareness of others
- **Hand:** Using sources and maps to assist making a decision.

## How You Can Get Involved

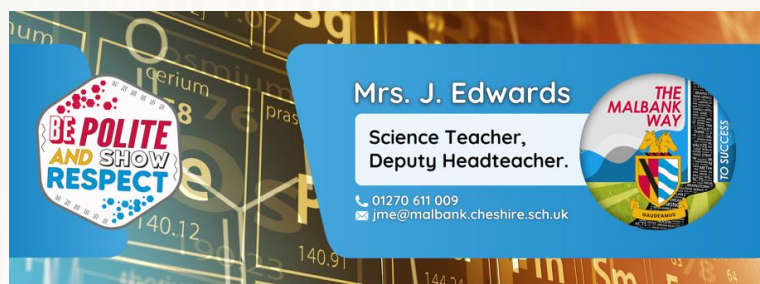
We believe that a partnership between school and home is essential for your child's success. To help you stay connected with their learning journey, you can access curriculum documents for each subject by visiting our website at <https://www.malbank.com>. Here, you will find detailed **Head, Heart, Hand** curriculum information for each subject, outlining the knowledge, personal skills, and practical skills your child will develop in their studies.

## If You Have Any Questions or Concerns

We understand that every child progresses at their own pace, and it's important to us that you feel confident in how your child is doing at school. If you have any questions or concerns about how your child is progressing, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's **Progress Manager**, who is here to provide support, answer your questions, and ensure your child's needs are being met.

Thank you for your continued support

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