

Opportunity Curriculum

At HDHS we want to do all we can to ensure our students are aware of their amazing potential and we want to facilitate and encourage every opportunity for our students to develop as successful learners.

I want to introduce to you the Opportunity Curriculum. The school curriculum is the provision that HDHS provides for each student to learn and grow as learners. I am a firm believer that learning is not just something that happens in school. The Opportunity Curriculum is another level to our whole school curriculum and was introduced to the students in an assembly during October 2019 and presented to them in the form of a booklet. Students will be able to share their copy of the Opportunity Curriculum booklet with parents, but it is also available on the Curriculum page of the school website.

The Opportunity Curriculum is simply a platform to guide HDHS students to learning opportunities outside of the classroom. This takes the form of reading, watching documentaries/films, researching and visiting interesting places. On a daily basis I see first-hand the passion and excitement that our students have for new learning experiences and the Opportunity Curriculum nurtures that love of learning. There is no expectation on the student to complete any particular suggested activity in any set time frame. Learning is a continuous journey. We want the student to take control of their own learning. The Opportunity Curriculum booklet is presented as a subject a page, allowing students to choose the subject/topic they enjoy the most and continue their learning outside of school.

There will be rewards for students who show independence and initiative, however the greatest reward is obviously 'learning'.

Thank you to parents for your continuous support of HDHS and our efforts and dedication to develop successful life-long learners.

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