

FINANCE



CURRICULUM INTENT

This finance curriculum provides students with the opportunity to become financially independent and to prepare for life after education. Students will not only learn the skills of effective money management but also about income and expenditure, financial products and how public money is raised and spent. This wide selection of topics introduces students to many of the essential skills that employers say are missing, including independent thinking and numerical skills. Even if students are not considering a career in finance, being financially capable will enable them to make sound financial decisions throughout their lives. The core purpose of our financial curriculum is therefore to consider how each lesson can create unique opportunities for students to achieve their personal best. We aim to enable every pupil to leave with an accredited academic qualification with options leading to further education or employment and personal economic wellbeing.

BENTON PARK SCHOOL VALUES

The school values are supported in Finance:



- **Resilience** is developed through learning about both financial success and failure, with particular emphasis on how to manage financial set-backs and planning to come back stronger, links are made to real world contexts for students throughout their learning journey.



- Many activities are designed to support student understanding of working together and **collaborating** with one another, for example in group tasks and in debate activities. Groups work in one of our five modes of learning which are designed to create well rounded individuals who develop transferable skills to suit both education and real world contexts.



- In Finance students **endeavour** to undertake regular independent research projects which support the development of research skills and quality extended writing showing a thorough understanding of the subject matter at hand.



- The ability to have **compassion** and some empathy with the issues raised in Finance is essential to develop a breadth and depth of understanding of financial issues and the roles of individuals, governments and firms in overcoming these. A key focus is also placed on ethics and the role these play in building successful communities.



- Students are **inspired** by the real life stories and finance focused case studies used in lessons, which include research findings and first person accounts of particular issues such as poverty, discrimination and examples of individuals who have succeeded despite challenging circumstances.

