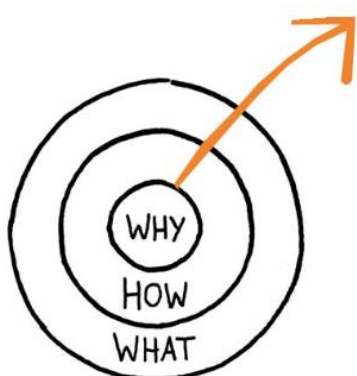


The Portsmouth Academy: Curriculum Intent: Personal Development



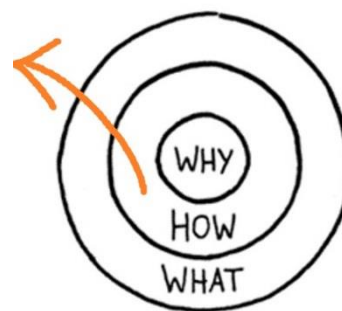
WHY?

At The Portsmouth Academy our curriculum is designed to **transform the life chances** of all of our students, regardless of disadvantage or personal circumstances. We believe that the best way to transform life chances is to actively shape the minds, attitudes and habits of young people through a framework of **cognitive education** that enables them to become the master of their own destiny.

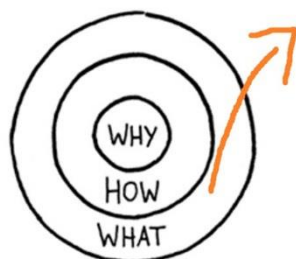
We are determined to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in 21st century society. We do this through teaching them to **Aspire** to greatness, to **Achieve** to the limits of their capability, and to show **Respect** in all that they do. We believe that a personalised approach based on these values will equip students with the tools they require to follow a path which will lead to success in whatever career they eventually choose.

HOW?

Personal Development is an invaluable part of the curriculum at The Portsmouth Academy and is taught as a discreet lesson each week in years 7-9. In years 10 and 11 a third lesson every fortnight is added to the curriculum. Our aim is to develop the wellbeing and life skills of our students. It is divided into three main pillars of study: Health and Wellbeing, Living in the Wider World and Relationships. The Personal Development programme is designed to cover a wide range of age-appropriate topics which will prepare our students for their future.



Our aim is to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to make the best of the opportunities available to them, and to live an independent and healthy life after leaving The Portsmouth Academy. Students are taught both the disciplinary and substantive knowledge of subjects in order to ensure that they understand both the generally accepted facts of each discipline, alongside the skills and structures used to establish those facts. This ensures that students develop an understanding that knowledge evolves and is often challenged.



WHAT?

Students at TPA follow a 5-year spiral curriculum which will build upon previous core knowledge in Personal Development allowing students to be healthy, safe and successful in their everyday lives.

