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Introduction

The governors and staff of St James School recognise the importance and value of promoting the international dimension in the school curriculum, to gain awareness and experience of the wider world in which we live and to celebrate the cultural and ethnic diversity represented in the school and local communities. St James School was accredited with the British Council's International School Award for 2014-2017 and has now been reaccredited for 2017-2020. St James has also been accredited as an Expert Hub for the Global Learning Partnership.

Tamar Busby is the Senior Leader with responsibility for international learning (tmb@stjamesexeter.co.uk) and Marina Savvas has day-to-day oversight (mvs@stjamesexeter.co.uk). Caitlin Wright has been trained to deliver professional development in global themes by the GLP.

Aims

- We aim to develop an international dimension in all appropriate areas of St James' formal and informal curriculum to enable our learners, school and community to make an active contribution in a global society.
- We aim to give students a greater understanding and appreciation of the international world through the key areas of global citizenship, conflict resolution, diversity, human rights, interdependence, social justice, sustainable development, and values and perceptions.
- We aim to increase understanding and respect of different cultures and beliefs.

St James School is working towards developing internationalism through the following:

- All curriculum areas have consciously considered developing an international perspective
- Teachers of different curriculum areas regularly work together to promote the international agenda
- Partnerships and links are built with schools in a variety of other countries throughout the world
- Teachers exploit all practical opportunities for students to visit places of cultural interest in the UK and abroad
- Visitors from other countries are warmly welcomed
- Students develop an understanding of major global issues
- The cultural and ethnic diversity in our own community is celebrated and valued, and supported through 'Parents for St James' and the school's Equality Policy
- Staff are keen to benefit from the professional development opportunities afforded by interaction with people of other countries
- St James works closely with other schools and local groups to promote and celebrate cultural diversity and global awareness
- Extra-curricular activities support and give opportunities for students to experience and develop their understanding of global issues