

Youth Engaging Society

# The YES Way

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• E = 4S

**EDUCATION =** 

SERVICE + SKILLS + SPORTS + STUDY

Young people grow up and adapt to engage with society, life at school and home must empower them with personal and social development #TheYESway.

### Education is a score of 10!

Every person for us is a full 10/10.

What matters is the emphasis we as individuals give to each of the four S's. For some 'Study' could be full 10, some 'Sports' could be 10, yet the most complete individuals will value each of the four S's and find themselves.

We believe in 'empowering' young people to take responsibility for their own lives- their own personal and social development.

All aspects of school life can contribute to our model of E = 4S. Indeed, the experiential learning possible through activities out of school can consolidate and bring to life learning which would otherwise be theoretical and uncoordinated.

Encouraging students to become involved in activities in the community outside the confines of the school would help develop their confidence, knowledge and contacts to follow their passion after leaving school. This will greatly enhance the opportunities for their personal and social development.

With teachers' encouragement they can benefit fully from what both the school and outside interests can offer, and this can be a key factor in their progressing successfully through adolescence into a rewarding and fulfilling adult life.



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#### PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### The ten areas

PERSONAL	IDENTITY	Self-awareness,-esteem, -image, -confidence.
	SPIRITUAL AND AESTHETIC AWARENESS	Including moral development; values; appreciating Arts; memorable experiences.
	DECISION MAKING	Based on access to information, advice counseling, with appropriate support. Taking responsibility for own learning and development.
	HEALTH	Including sex education, fitness, sports.
	INTELLECTUAL GROWTH	CBSE/ICSE curriculum, information technology.
	COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Including problem solving, planning.
	RELATIONSHIPS	Linked to responsibilities, empathy, teamwork.
SOCIAL	EMPLOYMENT SKILLS	Vocational development, employability.
	CITIZENSHIP	Community and political awareness and involvement; rights and responsibilities.
	ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS	Awareness and responsibilities

### **PSD AREA**

#### SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

1. IDENTITY

This is complex, based on personal success and self-awareness, reinforced by sensitive teaching, especially for those with less developed academic skills. Positive experiences outside the classroom provide valuable opportunities for improved self-image and a willingness to experiment and take risks.

2. SPIRITUAL AND AESTHETIC

These are deep-rooted in early childhood and home influences, and are significantly affected by adolescent experiences given the appropriate insights and encouragement. Music, art, drama, religious education are important contributors.

3. DECISION MAKING In addition to decisions about subject options and their implications for future careers, personal decisions are also made regarding health education, sex, drug taking and other moral issues. Access to accurate and objective information with non-directive support and counselling is necessary if sensible and sustainable decisions are to be made.

4. HEALTH

Personal, Social and Health Education linked to Physical Education provide the basis for adolescent growth in terms of a healthy lifestyle. Outdoor education and other out-of-school activities, particularly those provided by the youth service also make a significant contribution.

5. INTELLECTUAL	The school's prevalent curriculum would provide a sound basis to intellectual development – if appropriate choices have been made.
6. COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Verbal and written skills provide the basis of communication enhanced by aesthetic and spiritual awareness and sensitivity to the feelings and behaviour of others. Practical projects and group exercises provide the workshops for communication skill

development.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL

**AWARENESS** 

Less easily tackled through the conventional curriculum, the ability to form (and end) and understand meaningful relationships (both within 7. RELATIONSHIPS and outside the peer group) depends on the quality of opportunities and relationships provided by adults in school and in the wider world. Extra-curricular activities are vital here.

8. EMPLOYMENT and guidance including work experience, and 'economic and industrial understanding'. Focus on responsible citizenship in the school curriculum combined 9. CITIZENSHIP

with community involvement provide a sound basis for this area, with the emphasis on practice rather than theory.

This is a key area, usually well organized through careers education

It is necessary for development, including attitudes and commitment.

## The YES Way Workshop



#### Empowers you to:

- use your existing curriculum in the youth work setting
- assist young people to identify and plan their challenges
- assist and support young people in enhancing their skills
- work within operational and administrative guidelines
- understand the available opportunity for youth in your community
- build relationships to the different levels

And this is the best way to find yourself!