

Lead School for Human Scale Education

Since September 2005 we have been one of only four schools in the country to be a Lead School for Human Scale Education (HSE). The other schools are Brislington Enterprise College in Bristol, Stantonbury Campus in Milton Keynes and Walker Technology College in Newcastle.

Human Scale Education is a philosophy of education that was started on the East Coast of the United States of America in Central Schools in New York and Boston in the 1990s. The core values of HSE are:

- Small scale learning communities enable children and young people to be known and valued as individuals
- Each learner's particular needs are met and all aspects of development - creative, emotional, moral, spiritual as well as intellectual and physical - are encouraged
- The learning process is active, participative and relates to the child's own experience
- The learning community is underpinned by environmentally sustainable values and practices
- Parents and the local community are seen as vital partners in the life of the school or learning community
- Schools are democratic communities in which all those involved share in decision making

We have embraced many of these values in our work, most notably in our Excellent Futures Curriculum in years 7 and 8. Also, we have developed our educational vision for our new school on the concept of 'Schools within Schools'. Please refer to the Building Schools for the Future page on this web site for further details.

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