



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT ST IVES SCHOOL

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS - CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION STATEMENT OF INTENT

*"Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow."* – Anita Desai, writer and professor

*"People don't take trips, trips take people."* – John Steinbeck, writer and Nobel Prize winner

These are two great quotes by respected writers that sum up the importance of educational visits. They help to create our own life experiences and influence us over many years. They can also help to shape us as important global citizens; a key goal of Personal Development at St Ives School.

Educational visits or 'trips' are therefore a key part for all students at St Ives and something that we encourage all of our young people to make the most of.

There are many reasons why educational visits are important:

- They help to enhance the curriculum;
- Essential for some some courses such as GCSE Geography;
- Broaden horizons for students beyond St Ives;
- Inspire future career choices;
- A chance to experience different cultures on foreign visits;
- Allows students to work with other year groups;
- Helps increase motivation for learning in school;
- Develops a range of soft skills such as teamwork and independence;
- Helps support physical and mental health/wellbeing.

We organise a range of educational visits for all year groups and these can be categorised under the following;

- Specific subject visits – these include geography field trips, science trips such as the Big Bang Fair, drama visits to the Minack Theatre, art visits to the Tate gallery, visits to FE colleges and universities.
- Foreign visits – in the past we have organised visits to northern Italy to go skiing, to northern Brittany as part of the French curriculum and also to Tanzania with Camps International to help work with the local communities there.
- Activity visits – these have included a visit to Thorpe Park, water sports at Swanpool, a visit to Tamworth snowdome, visits to London and day out at Bishops Forum.