International

Students learn to see themselves as global citizens and to look beyond gender, class, race, nationality and culture to understand human nature.

Democracy

IDEALS

Freedom of thought and speech is greatly encouraged and appropriate forums and channels of communication are set in place.

Environmentalism

Students learn about the fine balance needed to maintain a healthy interdependent relationship between human beings and the planet.

Service

Students come face-to-face with the plight of those in most need around the world and discover how they can make a positive and sustainable difference through service.



Leadership

Students learn that true leadership is about serving others and is found in those whose convictions are rooted in personal responsibility, kindness and justice.

Adventure

Schools offer activities that foster a spirit of adventure and allow students to discover that they are capable of more than they might have imagined.





Founded in 1966, Round Square is a global network of innovative schools in 50 countries on six continents that share a passion for experiential learning and character education.

The Round Square approach is built around six IDEALS of learning: Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure Leadership and Service.



What Round Square Does – The IDEALS



Round Square schools share a passion for experiential learning. Together we work hard to ensure that our pupils have every opportunity to achieve in ways and to levels beyond their perceived limits. We also believe that in order to prepare for adult life, young people must be encouraged to discover and embrace the similarities and differences between cultures and nationalities. in ways that promote meaningful and lasting understanding, tolerance and respect. The Round Square approach doesn't focus on what is taught but rather how learning takes place. It recognises that learning is most effective when it is practical, cross-cultural and collaborative, and when it is infused through a broad spectrum of inter, extra and co-curricula activities.

Round Square is a collaboration of <u>like-minded schools</u>. Supported by an elected <u>Board</u> and an employed <u>staff team</u>, member schools work

together to build and benefit from a mutually supportive and respectful network.

Each school shares - and benefits from others' - ideas, methods, experience, opportunities, locally, regionally and internationally. Collaborative initiatives include local, regional and international:



Projects

Service Projects that offer students the opportunity to learn about global citizenship, community engagement, develop a deeper understanding of the world's problems and experience a new culture.



Conferences

Student-led conferences that celebrate cultural diversity and enhance social and leadership skills, broadening intercultural understanding and forging lifelong friendships.



Exchanges

Student and teacher exchanges across a global network of schools.

Find out more...



What we do now...

- Round Square Week
- Regents has supported over 60 different community partners over the years
- Supports CAS 100% (within the Diploma Programme)
- Student Exchange Bamboo School
- MUN Conference (90 delegates this year)
- RS Conference in Bangkok



Regents ties in 100% to the Round Square philosophy, we care passionately about what happens in the future to our world and to the fascinating variety of cultures and communities it supports.

We want those communities to thrive and prosper and care about each other In mutual cooperation.

That's quite a challenge.

As educators we believe that we have a responsibility to shape the way in which the next generation of business, political and community leaders understand, prepare for, and respond to, this challenge.



The Round Square Discovery Framework - There is more in us than we think





"To construct a practical and useful framework that captures and communicates the unique spirit of a Round Square approach to teaching and learning"





Important that the Discovery Framework is...

- practical framed by experience
- non-prescriptive
- accessible and relevant for all ages
- equally relevant in-classroom & beyond
- applicable to different curricula settings
- globally sensitive
- regionally/ culturally adaptable
- recognisable as Round Square
- rooted in the IDEALS





Learner-centric approach

- Learners Explorers
- Attributes Discoveries
- Core values —— Spirits

= BEING NOT DOING





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A SPIRIT OF THE IDEALS

Spirit of Internationalism

is found in those who seek to discover and embrace the similarities and differences between nationalities and cultures and in ways that promote meaningful and lasting understanding, tolerance and respect.

Spirit of Adventure

is characterised by those who push themselves beyond their perceived limits, cross boundaries and discover that they are capable of more than they thought.

Spirit of Democracy

encompasses a sense of equality, fairness, social justice, a sense of responsibility to actively participate, and a desire to do what is right (for the greater good).

Spirit of Environmentalism

ROUND

centres on the significance of understanding mankind's place in the universe, the forces that shape our surroundings and the impact we have on those surroundings.



recognises that successful leaders are driven by a desire to be of service to others and to nurture, guide, develop and help them to improve and succeed



celebrates personal development through practical experience that brings sustainable support and benefit to others.



Connecting Heritage across borders Respect Sharing National identity Tolerance CUIFUIRE **A SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONALISM** tradition Communication Intercultural Interconnectedness understanding of nations

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Debate Model Elections Activities DEMOCRACY Political Studies Student Voice Student Rep Council





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Litter picking Food growing

ENVIRONMENTALISM

Eco SchoolsSustainable practicesScience/BiologyWildlife Gardening



Outdoor Expeditions Physical Education Education Military Cadets **ADVENTURE** Hiking Bushcraft camping Trips Kayacking Climbing





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Personal Nurture Being of responsibility Service to Develop Self-belief others **Kindness** Justice Guidance **A SPIRIT OF** Vision Strategic **LEADERSHIP** Support thinking success in **Decision-Ownership** confidence others **Risk-taking** making Persuasion Determination

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Community Engagement



Fundraising

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Charity

SERVICE

Volunteering

overseas service project

> Student Mentoring

Compassion

Ability to Solve Problems commitment to

Sustainability

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Appreciation for Diversity

Knowledge of World Issues

> **A SPIRIT OF SERVICE**

Teamwork Skills

Understanding

Transcultural Inventiveness

Empathy



WITH A SPIRIT FOR THE IDEALS I CAN BE ...

- an Economist
- an Artist
- a Politician
- a Historian
- a Journalist
- a Scientist



... FOR THE GREATER GOOD



"The IDEALS are somewhat counter-cultural, sitting uneasily with an increasingly dominant international culture of narrow academic performance and competitiveness that disregard values-led activities... it is clear, however, that those developing the Round Square Discovery Framework are seeking more creative, holistic and more radical ways of reducing the tension between these positions by synthesising academic, skills-based, experiential, personal and moral learning in powerful ways. The Framework also has the potential to act as a *lens to examine the fuller implications of putting the* IDEALS into practice, both personally and collectively"

- Cambridge University Faculty of Education