



# Riverside School Strategic Plan 2017-2022

‘For the Nations’

## Serving the International Community in Prague Since 1994



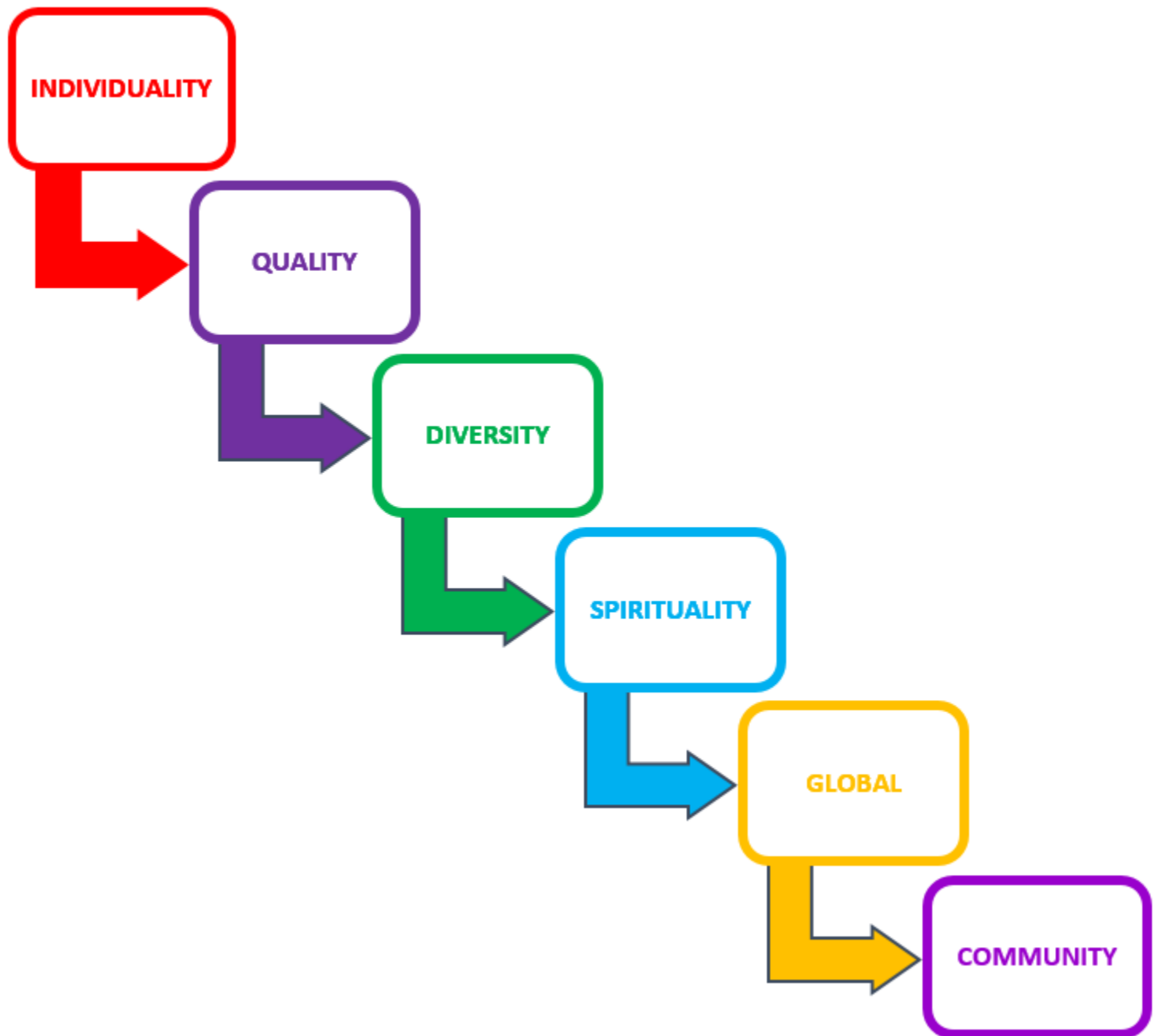
### MISSION STATEMENT

Riverside School values the uniqueness of the individual and provides high quality education for students of diverse cultures, within a Christian ethos and supportive family environment. The staff team is dedicated to building positive relationships with students and preparing them to be accomplished, global citizens.

### CORE VALUES

- Each child is valued and respected; each is unique
- Each child is cared for in a protective, secure, family oriented environment
- High quality education provides an opportunity for each child to develop their full potential
- The School staff are of critical importance to a successful school
- Children have positive relationships and attitudes to others
- The School, privileged with a diversity of culture, provides social bonding and support
- The School makes a positive impact on the wider local community

# Riverside School's Strategic Values



# Individuality



Riverside is committed to valuing the individual. It achieves this by celebrating individuality, through small class sizes and courses tailored towards giving appropriate and individual support.

Teachers are committed to interacting individually with students and there is also a level of flexibility around the dress code.

For the future Riverside will continue to commit to the small class sizes and offer a wider variety of teaching styles.

# Quality

Riverside is committed to a high standard of student achievement. Its commitment to high quality is observed through the use of technology, through the wide range of equipment and resources.

Riverside is also committed to offering a variety of Skills for Life and extra-curricular activities.

The school is committed to improving the quality of the environment.

For the future Riverside would like to commit to the provision of one platform for assignments and grading with more frequent lesson and teacher assessment and an increased level of lesson preparation.



# Diversity

Riverside is committed to its diverse and international community through which different cultures are both celebrated and respected.

Riverside will continue to be non-selective in accepting students.

The school is committed to offering a diversity of choice in the elective courses.

For the future Riverside will commit to broadening the range of courses both within and outside of school.



# Spirituality

Riverside is committed to its Christian Ethos and its sense of spirituality. It shares its spirituality through high quality and diverse religious education, through assemblies and tutor time and through Youth and Christian Union groups.

Riverside's commitment is both to those with personal faith and to those with little or no faith. The emphasis on the whole family provides a sense of safety, security and belonging.

For the future Riverside is committed to focus on moral values alongside faith during tutor and assembly time.



# Global



Riverside is committed to celebrating the nationalities of its students through a curriculum closely linked to global issues.

The school is committed to raising awareness of global matters, of spreading awareness and challenging students to consider how they are impacted and by providing solutions.

For the future Riverside is committed to continuing to invite experts to speak and guide on global matters and to dedicate tutor time to discussion on current affairs and in encouraging curiosity.

Another aim is to commit to each of its houses choosing a charity to support.

# Community

Riverside is committed to defining its community through its clubs and teams and encouraging the development of relationships throughout the school.

To continue in its commitment to providing a variety of events that encourage whole school and parent participation.

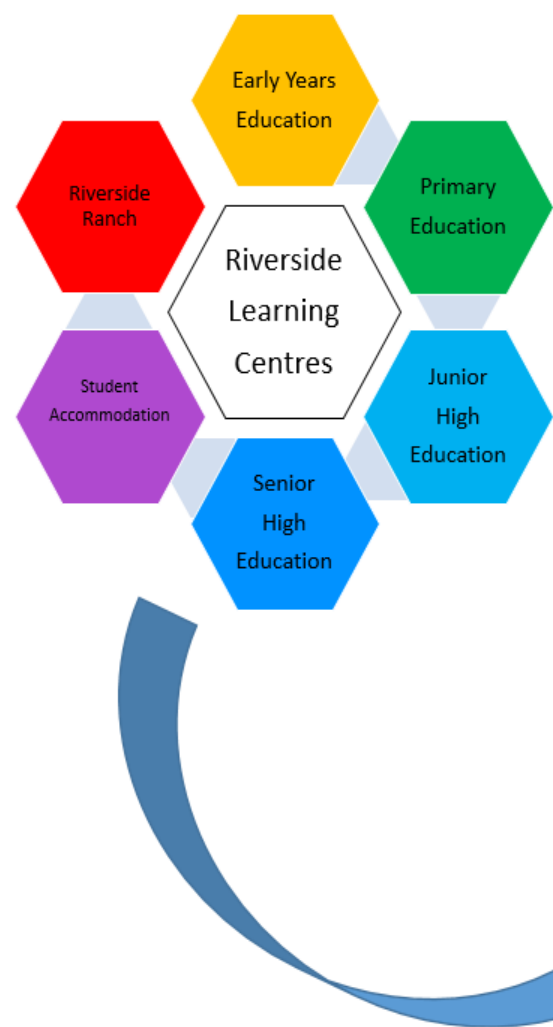
To combined assemblies, concerts and sporting events in which the entire Riverside family can enjoy being together.

For the future Riverside is committed to making its houses a more significant part of the school. To become more selective in choosing house captains and to increase their responsibility



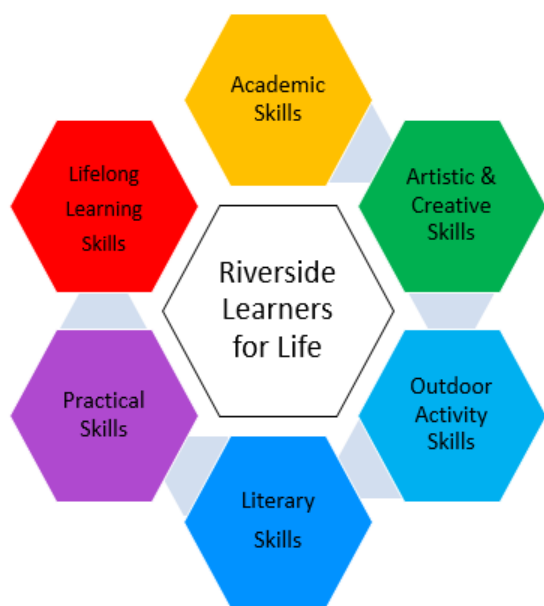
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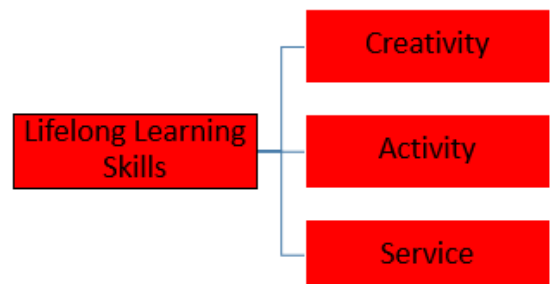
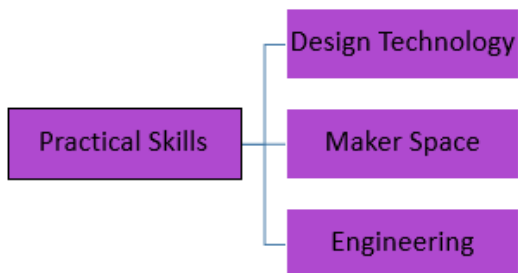
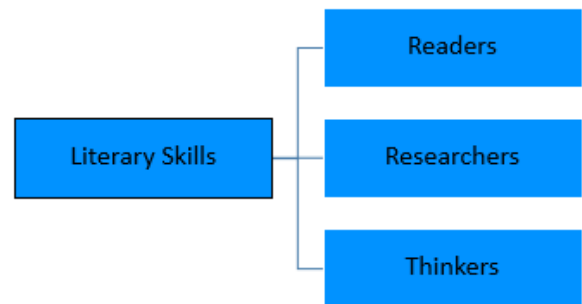
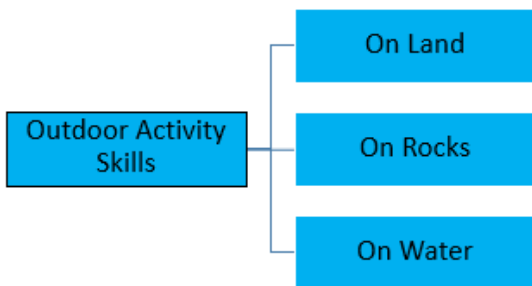
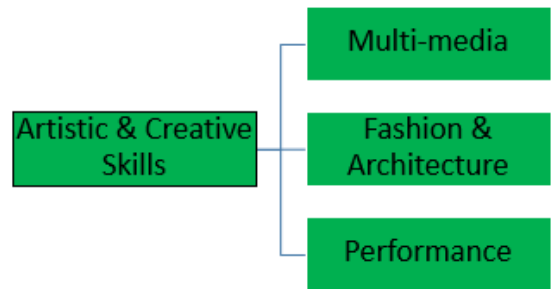
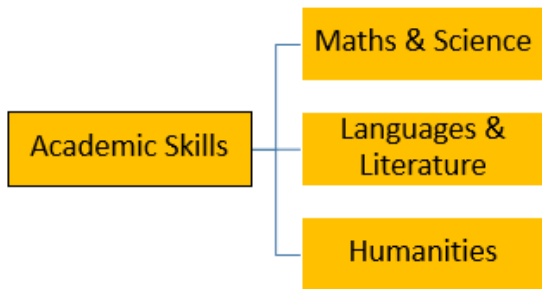
*'Come here, and learn to be wise'*

## Learners for Life



# Developing Skills

## Developing 'Skills'



# Riverside’s Vision ‘for Life’

Through Riverside’s Vision ‘for Life’



# Strategic Areas for Future Development



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## Strategic Area 1

### **Facilities - Develop facilities that supports an education grounded in the School's Mission and Vision.**

Riverside aims to enhance the learning environment to support a wide-range of specialist activities, ensuring all students are challenged and supported. The increase in numbers requires a review of the School's facilities and provides opportunities for development or expansion.

#### Goals:

- Increase the number of classes per year group from 2 to 3 or 4
- Expand the Primary site at Sedlec into two buildings
- Negotiation will begin on the purchase / lease of Prague City land adjoining the Primary School for the development of a drive thru & drop off facility
- Relocate the Junior High to Hradcanska
- Enhance the recreational space and opportunities at the Hradcanska site
- Expand the Senior High at the Arts Centre location
- Create a Fifth Floor Suite for the Year 13 class

## Strategic Area 2

### **Outdoor Adventure and Education - Develop the Outdoor Adventure and the Outdoor Education Programmes.**

Riverside's outdoor adventure and education programme is key to developing effective teamwork and collaboration as well as lifelong skills in risk taking and problem-solving. Riverside recently acquired a property (ranch) in a region of natural beauty in the Czech Republic. The Riverside Ranch provides many exciting and challenging opportunities for students and staff to build community and lasting memories while engaging with the environment around them.

#### Goals:

- Construct log cabins on the grounds of the Riverside Ranch
- Construct outdoor play equipment on the grounds of the Riverside Ranch
- Develop the Outdoor Adventure curriculum to include the Early Years, Primary, Junior and Senior High School

## Strategic Area 3

### **Skills for Life - Expand and provide further opportunities for enrichment and skill development.**

The educational programmes at Riverside including the Early Years Foundation Stage, the National Curriculum of England and Wales leading towards IGCSE Examinations and the IB Diploma Programme will continue. The curriculum has been significantly expanded to include a 'For Life' programme and we plan for such developments to continue.

#### Goals:

- The school will introduce vocationally based programmes: 'Vocational Skills for Life'
- Develop a Primary Makerspace
- Extend the following initiatives:
  - Design Technology
  - Engineering Club
  - Boat Building
  - Architecture and Design Programme
  - Fashion Design Programme
  - LAMDA Examinations
  - Music Production examinations through Rockscool Ltd (RSL)
- Develop the water sports programme by:
  - the continued use of the Vltava river and surrounding areas for canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing and waterskiing
  - The extension to other countries for: scuba diving, marine ecology studies, marine caving (Croatia, Spain and Iceland)
- Develop the natural terrain programme to include:
  - rock climbing, winter sports and extreme survival
  - DofE International Award
  - Caving / potholing

## Strategic Area 4

### **Assessment and the Riverside Portrait App - Extend the effective use of academic attainment data to inform planning.**

The Riverside Portrait App is an effective tool to bring together and interpret student assessment data. This creates an individual academic profile of the student while providing a picture of the student's progress and attainment in the context of the class group and school. The App has been created in house by Riverside's Data Management Team.

#### Goals:

- Develop a coaching team to support staff in their use of the app
- Assess the impact of the app on teaching and learning
- Refine and develop aspects of the app in light of feedback
- Demonstrate the use of the app to parents and develop a parent friendly version
- Further develop intervention strategies to support students with low self-efficacy
- Review Student support resources at Riverside School in response to academic attainment data

## Strategic Area 5

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**Professional Development Centre - Extend the use of Riverside's facilities to enhance continued professional development opportunities - for Riverside staff and teaching colleagues - in collaboration with Colleges, Universities and training providers.**

Riverside values high quality professional development. Riverside School is currently engaging with a number of training providers as we move to the next steps of forming meaningful links with Colleges and providers of certificated professional development.

Goals:

- To develop a link with Endicott College to offer a graduate summer programme at Riverside School that will benefit teachers at the school
- To engage with other universities to develop professional development opportunities at Riverside
- To build on the CPD sessions that have already taken place such as the GL Assessment Inset and IB Extended Essay Workshop

## Strategic Area 6

**Community Learning - Continue to engage the parents and wider community in learning opportunities.**

Riverside values its community and lifelong learning and provides parents and the wider community opportunities to develop their skills and explore new areas of learning.

Goals:

- The back to school programme provides education for Riverside parents through:
  - English and foreign language classes
  - Latin
  - Art and Pottery
  - Dance
  - Fitness and sport
- The community learning programme could further develop to include:
  - English Language evening classes for adults in the community
  - English language day classes for parents
  - The development of English speaking classes for Office Centre workers

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