Round Square
There is more in you...

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Round Square in a nutshell:

a worldwide network of innovative schools in 40 countries across six continents

Round Square schools share a passion for real-world experiential learning and discovery built around six IDEALS:

• International Understanding
• Democracy
• Environmental Stewardship
• Adventure
• Leadership
• Service
Global Network of Schools

- 50 Years
- 170 Schools
- 40 Countries
- 5 Regions
There is more to us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less.

- KURT HAHN
Three Strategic Themes

A world class educational approach

A platform for future leaders

A vibrant, connected network
A Third of Teachers: key benefit of RS membership is the ability to share ideas with like-minded teachers around the world - Cambridge University
Areas of focus - our shared ambitions

Collaboration
More regional and individual school-hosted opportunities inc. service project, adventure and conference opportunities

Quality of Interaction
More Professional Development opportunities; the development of cluster groups; structured mentoring

Network Development
Growth in unrepresented or under-represented parts of the world; focus on quality of engagement/ good practice sharing
We collaborate on:

→ Embedding the IDEALS

→ Student-led Conferences

→ Community Service Projects

→ Student and Teacher exchanges

→ Sharing resources and opportunities

→ Recognition for character-education
Instead of just coming to school and getting the grades you need, Round Square gives you amazing experiences, values and life skills making you a unique individual.
41% of Teachers: they have developed a more holistic approach to teaching as a direct result of their school’s membership of Round Square - Cambridge University
The Round Square Discovery Framework

The challenge

The process

The results
ROUND SQUARE DISCOVERY FRAMEWORK - THE CHALLENGE:

“To construct a practical and useful framework that captures and communicates the unique spirit of a Round Square approach to teaching and learning”
Writing Group and Pilot Schools
Learner-centric:

Learners = Explorers

Attributes = Discoveries

Core Values = Spirits

“Being Round Square not doing Round Square”
The Round Square Discovery Framework

Spirit of Internationalism
Sense of Responsibility
Communication Skills
Self-Awareness
Teamwork Skills
Spirit of the Environment
Commitment to Sustainability
Compassion
Inquisitiveness
Ability to Solve Problems
Appreciation for Diversity
Spirit of Service
Inventiveness
Tendacity
Courage
Spirit of Leadership
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The 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 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** 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.

- **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 Leadership** 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.

- **Spirit of Service** celebrates personal development through practical experience that brings sustainable support and benefit to others.
A SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Inquisitiveness
Courage
Belief
Advocacy
Social Justice
Compassion
Human Rights
Sense of Responsibility
Appreciation for Diversity
A SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Knowledge of World Issues
Appreciation for Diversity
Compassion
Ability to Solve Problems
Commitment to Sustainability
Transcultural Understanding
Inventiveness
Empathy
Teamwork Skills
• Mapping to Appleby College Diploma
• Middle two (grade 8) Presentations of Learning
• Academic - Senior 2 English Reflective Essay
• Leadership Program - Report Card
• Residential Life Program

“The flexibility and breadth of the Discovery Framework has allowed us to implement it where we see fit and where works best for the school.”
• Audit, surveys & creation of staff action groups
• Updating of curriculum docs mapped to discoveries
• Year 8 Humanities (e.g. night of the notables)
• New sequence and scope for wellbeing programme
• Ivanhoe Ambassadors - years 7 and 8

“What the Round Square Discovery Framework made us do was to examine and re-evaluate how we provide Global Citizenship Education to all members of the IGS community.”
Examination of framework vs vision, mission, values
Use the RSDF in defining the profile of a graduate
Work backwards to create schemes of work
Build learning experiences into the curriculum

“It’s about education not just qualifications. All of our schools are capable of graduating highly qualified students. Academic excellence is necessary, but not sufficient. Our future leaders must be exceptional people as well as exceptional scholars.”
Integration of school values, Round Square IDEALS and Discoveries and the IB Learner Profile

LEARNER PROFILE

- Sense of Responsibility
- Communication Skills
- Inventiveness
- Leadership
- Compassion
- Teamwork Skills
- Commitment to Sustainability

IDEOALS

- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Solidarity
- Internationalism
- Democracy

SPIRITS

- Spirit of Service
- Spirit of Adventure
- Spirit of Environmentalism
- Spirit of Democracy
- Spirit of Internationalism
- Spirit of Adventure

DISCOVERIES

- Appreciation of Diversity
- Open-Minded
- Ability to Solve Problems
- Thinkers
- Tenacity
- Reflective
- Risk-Takers
- Courage
- Balanced
BRITISH SCHOOL
NEW DELHI

• Cross-Phase and Cross Curricular Projects
• Student Leadership Programme
• MUN Conferences
• Service and Outreach
  PSHE (Physical & Social Health Education)
• ‘Save the Environment’
• Tech Integration
Collaborative dialogue for RS Member schools

→ Open-source framework for all RS schools to adapt

→ RS network developing collective voice

→ Example-based: practical & constantly evolving online

→ Clearer transferrable learning for students
Our Research Programme

- The whole is greater than the sum of the parts
- Capacity for globally robust validation
- Working together to measure the Unmeasurable
Research outline

→ Six leading universities
→ Impact measurement
→ Validation: holistic approach
→ Direct student engagement
→ Action research
→ Creation of practical teaching resources
→ Academic papers & resources
The Round Square approach:

- Transcends gender/cultural conditioning
- Resonates with parents & teachers alike
- Provides a framework/umbrella that is valued by member schools

“The benefits are fantastic for their personal development: Resilience, confidence, independence, courage, leadership, articulation, self-belief, the list is endless!”

- Parent
“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 ways of reducing the tensions between these positions by synthesising academic, skills-based, experiential, personal and moral learning in powerful ways.”

- Cambridge University
Questions?