



# Marple Hall School

MHS



# What does it mean to be a part of Marple Hall School?

It means valuing, developing and displaying the following five qualities:

## Determination

We put **effort** into everything we do. We try our best, are positive and seek feedback to craft only our very best work

## Honesty

We choose **integrity** over popularity, courage over comfort, what's right over what's easy. We trust those around us.

## Readiness

We have **high standards** of ourselves and others. We are punctual, smart, organised and ready to learn.

## Respect

We are well **mannered** and treat others with **kindness** and care. We respect our school environment and strive to create a **happy** community.

## Spark

We are creative and **enthusiastic**. We find our voice and are **confident**, eloquent speakers. We look for new challenges and work with others purposefully.

*The Marple Hall*  
**Spirit**

# 'The 2025 Plan'

**Here at Marple Hall school we believe that 'Better Never Stops', which is why in 2018 we launched our bold and ambitious 2025 Plan.**

**This plan will see Marple Hall become the very best comprehensive school in the country by 2025. By focusing on the health and wellbeing of learners, the quality of teaching and support, standards of conduct and the educational outcomes for all, we are confident of reaching our very high goals.**

**We believe that nothing but this is good enough for the young people in our community, and if some school somewhere has to be the best then why not us!**

At Marple Hall we believe that school is the most important part of a person's life. Experiences in secondary school help to shape who a person is and set them up for the journey ahead. It is crucial to us that everyone at Marple Hall experiences success both inside and beyond the classroom. Marple Hall has a strong record of helping students realise their academic potential, and as we strive to become a truly great school we are determined to see our standards rise and rise over time. Success is not limited to the exam room but is also measured by the development of a person's character, which is why helping students develop the Marple Hall Spirit is key part of what we do.





**'As Year 11 comes to a close I wanted to drop a line to say a huge thank you to the MHS leadership team, teachers and support staff for all the hard work that goes into making Marple Hall such a great school and experience for its students. I truly believe that you will achieve your ambitions for 2025' Parental feedback, June 2019**

# Students leave MHS Healthy, Happy and fully equipped to succeed

Teaching is at the heart of every school and we take our responsibility to provide high quality lessons very seriously. Our goal is to ensure that every single lesson is effective in helping students to make progress and enhance their knowledge and skills. However, the secret to great lessons does not lie with teachers alone. We believe that students learn best when they are happy, enjoy their lessons and are willing and able to work independently to further their education. We want students to be passionate about learning, to be determined, put effort into all they do and to show us a little bit of 'spark' - after all, they only get one chance at a secondary school education.





'Marple Hall School is to be commended for their commitment to providing a range of high quality cultural and artistic opportunities for pupils. Innovative initiatives such as the 'SPARK' day have helped focus the school and wider community on the benefits that a creative approach to the curriculum delivery can have. You have successfully raised the profile of arts and cultural activities by giving staff and pupils the opportunity to work with a wide range of professional artists. Every opportunity has been taken to develop rich partnerships which provide pupils with authentic experiences. These initiatives and policy decisions have helped ensure pupil engagement and performance in the Arts is well above the national average'

**Arts Council England June 2019, on the school's awarding of Artsmark Gold status**

## A caring community working together with trust and respect



**'This is the best school ever!!'  
Year Seven student, March 2016**

School is not just about lessons and exam results, it's also about helping students to become well rounded people who are able to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live. We take a keen interest in developing students' social skills, either through dedicated lessons in form time or through encouraging students to take part in a wealth of enrichment activities. Experiences in sport, the arts, charity work or simply by helping others both inside and beyond the school gates play a huge role in developing a person's character. In any school or organisation there will be disagreements from time to time. It is how we help students to resolve these issues that counts, which is why alongside Determination and Spark we value Honesty, Readiness and Respect, three invaluable qualities.



# A nationally recognised education establishment with a reputation for excellence



We are ambitious. We intend, with the support of students, parents and the community, to make this school great. A school where students are proud to attend, a school where staff feel privileged to work and a school where everything that can be done is done to improve the lives of everyone in it. We believe that leadership should involve students and many already help to enhance the work in subjects, lead students in games and PE, teach younger students who may struggle with English and Maths, mentor those who have faced difficulties, set standards for behaviour and conduct around school at break and lunch, and support the recruitment of new staff. School should not be something that is 'done to' students, it should be something that they feel a part of and can have a hand in shaping – that, to us, is the sign of a great school.

**'You have developed a strong and enthusiastic leadership team who are keen to drive improvement at Marple Hall School. You and your team know the school's strengths and have a clear vision for the future'**  
**Ofsted 2018**



**'The headteacher has a sound vision for the future of Marple Hall School and has won the strong support of staff in pursuing high expectations of students in both their academic achievement and behaviour. The school is setting itself challenging targets.'**

**Ofsted September 2013**







## Our Community - Our Future

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