AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

Central to the school’s understanding of education is the recognition that each pupil is an individual whose talents and interests are to be identified and fostered. Happiness in life comes through self-fulfilment: all pupils, therefore, are helped to discover who they are and who they have it in them to become; they are encouraged to challenge themselves and develop the qualities of intellect and character – independence, wisdom and generosity of outlook, determination and perseverance, resilience, vision and ambition – that will lead them into responsible and rewarding adult life.

All members of the school community are asked to observe the following principles:

- Education and learning are gifts to be prized and put to use.
- Each person’s talents need to be acknowledged and given opportunity to develop.
- It is the entitlement of everyone in the school to be treated with respect, kindness and fairness.
- There is a spiritual dimension to life which is to be recognised and fostered.
- All should be mindful of their responsibilities to the school community and alert too to their responsibilities within the wider community – local, national and international.

The school aims to provide an environment in which the full potential of each pupil can be achieved, and the curriculum is designed to give scope to the whole spectrum of abilities and interests represented in the school. Pupils are taught to think and question; they are helped to understand their strengths and weaknesses; they are encouraged to accept challenges and learn initiative and how to work effectively, whether independently or within a team. They are asked to contribute to decisions that affect the school, thus learning how to play an active part in their school community, in preparation for their work in the future communities to which they will belong.

As a Catholic lay foundation, the school aims to be always faithful to its identity as ‘a school which genuinely reflects the religious, artistic, moral and intellectual ethos of the Catholic tradition’.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.