

Highgate School: Statement of Ethos and Aims

Our Ethos – *the character and spirit of Highgate School*

These actions define and determine our ethos:

- Advancing the education and intellectual and moral development of our pupils, whatever their capabilities, attributes and interests
- Promoting the welfare and safety of our pupils as individuals and as members of a community
- Conducting the School in a manner consistent with Christian values and reflecting and celebrating the diversity of modern London
- Sharing the best of what we do by funding and awarding bursaries, by supporting learning in partner schools and charities and enabling them to use our facilities as appropriate
- Fostering open-mindedness and thoughtfulness in our pupils and our School
- Striving for continuing improvement and development

Our Aims

Our aim is to be an academic school and **a place for learning and scholarship**, where

- we are ambitious about what pupils should know and we provide a cultural framework for their studies and their living
- we work to ensure pupils are knowledgeable and are active, independent learners
- teaching is rigorous, critical, engaging and learned
- pupils leaving school will be intellectually and emotionally prepared for higher education and the world of work

Our aim is to be **a reflective community** where pupils

- learn the instincts of courtesy and good manners
- develop a moral code and practise living it out in readiness for their adult lives
- care for others and learn to see service to others as a way of life

Our aim is to be **an exemplar for the healthy life** where pupils

- are supported in developing strength and resourcefulness to meet the challenges of day-to-day life
- develop healthy, transferable interests and pursuits in a coeducational setting
- learn and practise the skills of friendship through participation in a wide range of activities
- grasp the value of the community, and its price