

THE SCHOOL MOTTO

'Disce Prodesse'. Loosely translated as "Learn to be of service" epitomises the character of the school and remains central to our mission to develop rounded human beings through academic studies as well as an extensive programme of extra-curricular opportunities. We will unlock individual talent, encourage healthy competition and scholarship, and promote leadership and teamwork.

OUR VISION

Our vision supports and sustains:

- a school that is true to its roots, and is enthusiastic about its role in the future of education
- high standards, social mobility, ambition and aspirations for all
- the fulfilment of the full potential of each child
- an independent style of education that is open to all
- a sense of moral purpose and responsibility in the community

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to develop a large and diverse school that provides the highest standards of independent education to the local and wider community, whilst remaining true to our historical roots and original charitable purpose.

WE WILL BUILD ON OUR TRADITIONAL STRENGTHS:

- we will establish early the habits of aspiration, application, attendance, and healthy living. This will be supported by regular monitoring of individual progress, a breadth of educational and extra-curricular experiences typical to the independent sector, and the opportunity for older pupils to develop leadership qualities.
- we will continue our established House system, which enables pupils to belong to communities across the age range. The House system builds self-esteem and promotes healthy competition.
- We will remain committed to educating the whole person by providing stimulating opportunities beyond the classroom, and providing the highest standards of pastoral care.
- the curriculum will be broad and balanced, going beyond the National Curriculum. In KS3, all pupils study English, Mathematics, three separate sciences, History, Geography, Music, Art, DT, Computing, Ethics and Philosophy (which covers Religious Education), PE and Games. In Year 7, pupils study either French or Spanish for their modern foreign language, and begin the study of Classics, including Latin in the Trinity Term. In Year 8 German is taken by all pupils. Pupil's personal, health and social education are addressed in the PSHEE programme, which runs through all year groups.
- The partnership with our alumni and businesses will be strengthened and will continue to raise aspirations and access to high quality further education for all pupils.