



## **Llandoverly College History and Aims**

The year 1847 was a momentous one for Welsh education with the foundation by Thomas Phillips of the Welsh Collegiate Institution, later known as Llandoverly College.

Recent years have proved equally momentous, with the College seizing opportunities to mould a new and progressive identity. The College has undoubtedly evolved rapidly in its most recent history, with its new manifestation combining time-honoured and absolute values - straightforwardness, loyalty and integrity - with fresh aspiration and a burgeoning confidence. We are in many ways a new old College therefore, grounded in our past tradition but not constrained by it, respecting our heritage without ever taking our eyes off what lies directly ahead of us. And what lies ahead is the challenge to create a truly unique place of learning, as clearly expressed in our Mission Statement:

*Llandoverly College seeks to provide a truly transforming experience in which intellectual, artistic, sporting, spiritual and social development is at the heart. Llandoverians and their parents join a caring community that recognises and nurtures the innate ability in every individual. The College aims to produce grounded young men and women capable of tackling life's challenges with confidence, determination and cheerfulness*

Llandoverly College offers much of what can be considered standard educational fare in the independent sector: academic excellence, co-curricular opportunity, outstanding pastoral care, a strong community; and as with other schools we have a long list of eminent Old Llandoverians to prove it.

There are stark differences at Llandoverly however that make us a school apart. We are above all else absolutely honest about who and what we are. Whilst English speaking on a day to day basis, the College is also unashamedly Welsh, with a deep respect and sympathy for Welsh language, heritage and culture. Combining the Welsh heart with a global vision is, within the independent sector, exclusive to Llandoverly College.

A challenging world has stripped away any pretension, and the College is as lean and fit as it has been for years. We are moving forward quickly, forging new out of old, and building a College that will serve supremely well many generations of Llandoverians to come.

This then is an extremely exciting time to be part of Llandoverly College's story.

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