



STATEMENT OF ETHOS AND AIMS

Plymouth College Preparatory School seeks to produce happy, knowledgeable and caring pupils who gain confidence in learning and strive to reach their full potential.

We aim to provide a diverse and enriching education that promotes self-discipline, motivation, tolerance and excellence, in addition to consideration for others. This is underpinned by a belief in the importance of respecting ourselves and one another, appreciating individual differences and encouraging each other.

The School is a caring community in which every individual is of equal importance and in which we should seek to work together for the benefit of all members of the community.

Whilst academic success is the first priority, we recognise that each person has talents which may lie in other areas. Our concern is to enable everyone to reach their full potential in whatever sphere he or she may excel, and to broaden interests by pursuing a variety of activities. To this end, it is expected that every pupil will take advantage of the many opportunities here to develop his or her own skills and in that way make a significant contribution to the corporate life of the school.

Although the School is of a Christian tradition, pupils of other religious beliefs are welcome and we celebrate diversity. Above all we wish to see our pupils become independent and self-sufficient citizens who will succeed and contribute responsibly as members of a global community.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

1. To provide a friendly and caring environment for all pupils, staff and parents
2. To encourage all pupils to develop to their full potential
3. To encourage pupils to set themselves high standards of courtesy and behaviour
4. To encourage pupils to take part in a variety of extra curricular activities and make the most of all the opportunities they are given
5. To prepare pupils for life beyond the Prep school
6. To encourage all pupils to be tolerant and good citizens who know how to work co-operatively with others for the greater good of the community
7. To ensure pupils' happiness and well-being

8. To develop pupils' confidence
9. To provide a safe and health-promoting environment for our pupils

High standards are set and expected in all areas of school life with equal importance being attached to academic studies, physical education and the arts.

VALUES

All pupils at the School are expected to be considerate and courteous. Personal development is an important aspect of life at school and we regard the following qualities as important.

- Courtesy
- Diligence
- Forgiveness
- Honesty
- Kindness
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Punctuality
- Respect for others
- Responsibility For Your Own Actions
- Self Discipline
- Tolerance

Always try to treat other people in the way you would like to be treated. Stand firmly by what you believe in, but remember that other people may have a different point of view. Be willing to listen to what others have to say; do not mock or reject ideas that are not the same as your own; do not let others lead you into actions which you know to be wrong, but try to keep them on a sensible course.

As you progress through the school, you will be given chances to develop leadership skills by taking on more responsibility. We hope that you will lead by example and play an active role in making the School community a happy and caring one.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The School believes strongly in equal opportunities for pupils and staff. Regardless of race, creed or gender, each individual is offered the same learning and recreational opportunities. Please see our Equal Opportunities Policy.

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Headmaster

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