



Community Assembly: Our Ethos

We are acutely aware that we are blessed to enjoy the return of several school traditions now, with our Open Evening, Commemoration Service and Senior Speech Day all taking place next month.

They are a reminder that our school community is distinguished in the living and inspired by a strong ethos.

We are a progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment. We amplify, and so fortify, our School vision and aims, as well as pursue links between subject disciplines, to cultivate core values, which direct and drive our work: citizenship, distinction, challenge, duty, imagination, enlightenment and diversity.

- **Citizenship** – inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others. (*Amplification of School Vision: 'Developing the leaders of tomorrow'*)
- **Distinction** – students will be provided with an outstanding education and we expect them to do their best in all endeavours. (*Amplification of School Aim 1: 'The pursuit of excellence'*)
- **Challenge** – students will be stimulated to acquire new knowledge & understanding and motivated to develop new skills & attributes. (*Amplification of School Aim 2: 'Fulfilling individual potential'*)
- **Duty** – students will conduct themselves with civility and compassion at all times, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves. (*Amplification of School Aim 3: 'Contributing to the community'*)
- **Imagination** – enable students to explore new ideas and empathise with the thinking of others, without limitation or risk. (*English, Sport and Arts subjects*)
- **Enlightenment** – equip students with the insight and determination to embrace new ideas, technology and innovation, enabling them to contribute to the ever-changing natural and physical world around them. (*Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences subjects*)
- **Diversity** – provide students with the tools to respect and celebrate the great diversity of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs, within and beyond the School, whilst recognising that we have more in common than that which divides us. (*Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences subjects*)

These values bond us in common cause as a school community, and this unity is our strength as we move forward together with passion and purpose.

We honour the founders of our school (who had the wisdom to open a girls' school in 1907), we serve our students and staff right now, and we write a new chapter for future generations to inherit by respecting and living our ethos.

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