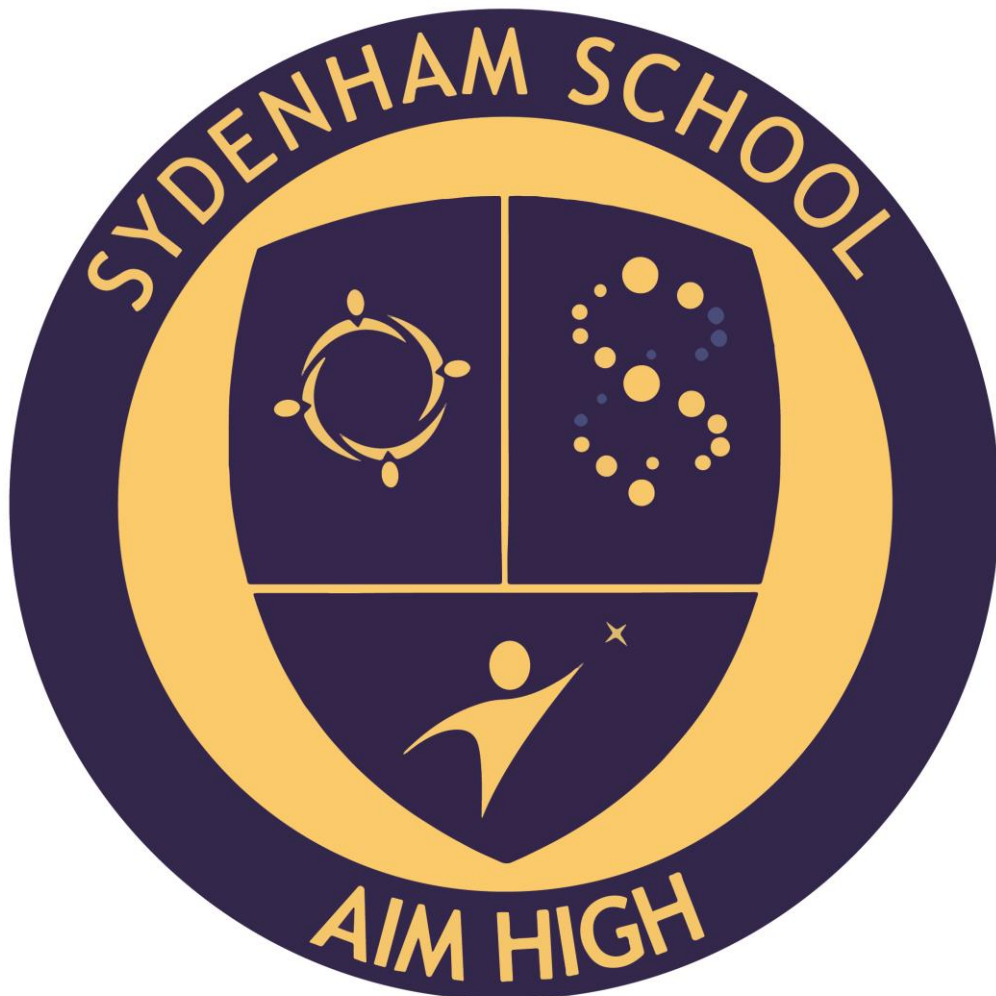


# Sydenham School Values Statement

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## Draft Values Statement

Sydenham School is a diverse and inclusive school that is rooted in the local community. At Sydenham School, students feel safe, happy and confident as well as achieve high academic outcomes. We promote caring relationships between students, teachers and our families who we work in active partnership with.

At Sydenham School, there is a strong emphasis on well-being and the development of good mental and physical health. Our staff team are warm, friendly and approachable. We pride ourselves on our excellent relationships with all members of the school community. We are relentless in our belief that every student is an individual and that each of them should be supported to develop as a 'whole person'. Students thrive at Sydenham School regardless of their backgrounds or starting points.

As a High Performance Learning School, we work tirelessly to ensure that every student is valued and supported to reach their fullest potential. For over 100 years, the school motto has been 'Aim High'. We have the highest expectations and set goals with our students that are challenging, but with support, attainable.

Our broad curriculum offer includes English, Maths and Science as well as Languages, the Visual and Performing Arts and Human Sciences. There is also an extensive extra-curricular offer that supports our students to develop the full range of social skills. These are geared towards preparing our students for life beyond school.

Included in our core values are compassion, tolerance, equity, perseverance and resilience. We actively teach our students to be empathetic and respectful. We take a strong stance against all forms of intolerance, discrimination and prejudice. Sydenham students are ready to learn; think of others; work hard and are intellectually curious. We celebrate the wide range of qualities that our students possess. Our students are encouraged to have a voice and to be heard.

Finally, our aim is to ensure that all our students grow into global citizens - both within the school community and beyond, for life.