SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL

SCHOOL AIMS AND ETHOS

Our shared vision which encompasses our aims and ethos is set out in this document.

Sir William Perkins's School [SWPS] seeks to build confidence, integrity and excellence in a caring, innovative and happy community so that each student leaves having been given the best possible chance of achieving their full potential, taking with them sound values, a breadth of skills and knowledge, and ready to take on the world!

We seek to nurture in every student the values of Curiosity, Ambition and Generosity.

- Curiosity about our world and our future.
- Ambition for ourselves and for others.
- Generosity with our thoughts, our gifts and our time.

Academic success is our priority, but we believe education should be about far more than just top grades. We believe in educating the whole person and equipping our students to make their mark on the world. We encourage them to get involved in the many extracurricular activities on offer, to take every opportunity to develop their interests and creativity, their interpersonal, teamwork and leadership skills, to be forward-thinking, and to reach into the wider community.

The purpose of the School is to provide an excellent all round education for its students, benefiting the public by offering a first class education for 11-18 year old children and making a positive contribution in the local community.

The principal aims of the School are:

- To maintain high academic standards
- To encourage the enjoyment of learning and good habits of work
- To help each student:
    - to develop fully as an individual
    - to cultivate creative and practical skills
    - to gain the qualifications they need to embark on their chosen career
    - to grow in confidence
    - to think independently
    - to be a responsible, unselfish member of the community

The religious nature of the School

The school has a Christian foundation and ethos which underpins the way it operates. However, we value the fact that the Sir William Perkins's community is diverse and students and their families of all faiths, and of none, are warmly welcomed.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body is ultimately responsible for the effective oversight, review and amendment of this statement of aims and ethos and understands its legal obligation to do so.

SWPS is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this statement is non-discriminatory, in line with the UK Equality Act (2010). Further details are available in the school's Equal Opportunities policy.

This document will be reviewed and updated annually by the Head and SLT or as events or legislation requires.

Next scheduled review date: 04/2024	Last reviewed: 04/2023
Key updates in this version:	Updating to reflect the new focus on Curiosity, Ambition and Generosity Some rewording to provide clarification Updated SWPS branding / formatting