

Sydenham School

Values Statement



Our Vision: Opportunity for All

At Sydenham School, our vision of "Opportunity for All" underpins everything we do. Since 1917, we have been committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of their starting point, has access to the experiences, support and challenges they need to discover and pursue their ambitions. We believe in equality of opportunity, ensuring no barriers prevent any student from reaching their full potential. This vision drives our curriculum, our culture and our community.

The Sydenham Entitlement

Central to our vision is the Sydenham Entitlement: our commitment that every student will access formative experiences that broaden horizons and create lasting memories. Whether it's a residential school trip, a visit to the theatre, or enrichment activities beyond the classroom, we ensure these experiences are available to *all* students, regardless of background or circumstance.

Our Values: Aim High

Our motto "Aim High" encapsulates our core belief that every student can achieve excellence. We foster a nurturing, inclusive community where students feel safe, confident and happy to pursue their goals.

Ambition – We inspire every student to set high goals and pursue academic excellence, fostering genuine passion for learning that goes beyond the curriculum. Through our exceptionally broad curriculum, we ensure students are exposed to a huge variety of learning experiences and provide them with meaningful choices about their educational pathway. As an inclusive community founded on principles of equality, we believe all can excel, regardless of their starting point, and we celebrate each student's unique achievements.

Determination – We build resilience and grit, equipping students with the perseverance to overcome challenges and unlock their full potential. Through diverse opportunities for leadership, enrichment and active citizenship, students develop the confidence to become compassionate leaders in their communities and beyond.

Respect – We cultivate self-respect, respect for others and empathy, developing articulate, well-rounded individuals ready to contribute positively to society. We create a culture where everyone feels valued and able to thrive, and where differences are celebrated as strengths that enrich our community. We treat all members of our school community with equal dignity and respect, regardless of protected characteristics including race, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation, and we actively challenge discrimination and prejudice in all its forms.

Through our vision of "Opportunity for All," the Sydenham Entitlement, and our values of Ambition, Determination and Respect, we prepare our students to become confident, compassionate individuals who make meaningful contributions to their communities and the wider world.