



# The Minster School

## School Ethos

*“Succeeding together”*

### Key Virtues:

- **Wisdom**
- **Optimism**
- **Resilience**
- **Kindness**
- **Service**

## Succeeding Together

**Enabling all members of our school community to work together, care for each other and strive to realise their potential in their studies and all other aspects of life.**

We believe in providing opportunities for all to explore and develop their own beliefs and values whilst reflecting on the relevance of Christian beliefs to their lives.

- We work together to create a culture in which students are proud of their achievements, are happy with who they are and feel supported by those around them.
- We engender a sense of belonging for every student; to feel part of our community and to achieve their potential; to develop their character and to grow and learn together.
- We create a culture where students can meet together and overcome the challenges presented by a desire to succeed and everyday life.
- We encourage all members of our community to be positive role models, leading by example and inspiring others through their words and actions.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord.” Colossians 3:23.*

These principles are based on our Christian foundation as a Church school and the belief that every one of us is a child of God and created in His image.

## Wisdom

### **Learning to think critically, act justly and consider the views of others.**

We believe in a school in which we:

- Have a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning.
- Reflect on our own values, beliefs and ideals whilst having an awareness of how they affect others.
- Demonstrate honesty, patience, and thoughtfulness in everything we do, respecting others and treating them as equals.

*"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding" Proverbs 3:13*

### **Showing gratitude for what we have and having positive hope for the future.**

We believe in a school in which we:

- Can celebrate our own achievements, encourage others to be the best they can and share in their successes.
- Recognise the opportunities we have and show gratitude for every blessing that we receive.
- Enable everyone to feel happy, safe and well supported, cheerfully having a positive impact on those around them.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

## Optimism

## Resilience

### **Developing self-belief to take on new challenges, persevere and seek support from those around.**

We believe in a school in which we:

- Set ourselves aspirational goals and keep going in our efforts to achieve them.
- Learn from our mistakes and in doing so support others in their own struggles.
- Are equipped with the skills to continue learning and to cope with life's challenges.

*"Let us run with determination the race that lies before us." Hebrews 12:1*

### **Considering the needs of others and acting through compassion and care.**

We believe in a school in which we:

- Demonstrate empathy, generosity and forgiveness in our daily life.
- Seek out opportunities to listen to the needs of others, challenge injustice and respond lovingly to those needs.
- Understand the consequences of our actions and the impact they have on others within our school and beyond.

*"My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you." John 15:12*

### **Using our gifts and talents for the benefit of others in school and in the wider community.**

We believe in a school in which we:

- Understand the dignity and significance of putting others before ourselves.
- Take responsibility for our own actions and do our duty in caring for others and our environment.
- Seek out opportunities to work selflessly and show love to each other.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45*

## Kindness

## Service