



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 in 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

Kindness

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

Service