

## **Church Cowley St James School: Our vision**

Our vision is that all in the community might find life in abundance. That they will be successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.'

Over the past years the school has worked together to hone a set of values and aspirations. They stand strong in a secular world but as you dig deeper you discover roots in the teaching of Jesus and the Christian faith. Is this surprising? No! British community structures are rooted in a history that was shaped by the Christian faith. It is seen in so many ways. These include our legal system, National Health Service, Government etc.

Below are the key tenants of our vision. Accompanying them some samples of Scripture that show the Christian roots from which they have grown.

**Our Vision:** *That all in the School Community will have life, and have it to the full. That they will be successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributor to society.*

### **The school will be a place where:**

- Staff and pupils alike feel safe and secure and included

(He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4)

- There is an ongoing respectful, honest, open and trusting, communication between parents, teachers, children and governors

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it

James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged Colossians 3:21

- Learning is at the heart of everything that we do

For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; Proverbs 2:10

- We all strive for excellence

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ... James 1:1-27 ESV

### **The teachers will be:**

- Passionate and enthusiastic about teaching and children's learning



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But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

- Inspiring and engaging - knowing and respecting the needs of every child - and doing everything they can to make sure that every child wants to learn, makes progress and succeeds in reaching their full potential

Sermon on the mount Matt 5 to 7

- Providing an encouraging and supportive learning environment that challenges all children in all areas of their development, instils real life skills and supports them to be independent learners.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- Fully engaged in the life of the school and its community - taking an active role in after school clubs and social activities

And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

### **The children will be:**

- Always motivated and come to school

Do all things without grumbling or questioning Philippians 2:14

- Happy, confident, inquisitive, independent learners each discovering what they are good at and doing the best they can to reach their goals and develop life skills.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

- Supported by the whole community: staff, parents, other children and governors to reach their individual goals

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

- Respectful of their school and everything it provides to help them learn

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour. Romans 12:10

### **Our Values**

#### **Moral Courage**

Bible stories: Daniel, Isaiah, Moses,

#### **Tolerance**

Judge not, that you be not judged. Matthew 7:1 ESV



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## **Respect**

Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3

Respect everyone, love other believers, honour God, and respect the Emperor. 1 Peter 2:17

## **Compassion**

Parable of the Good Samaritan



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