

Our Values & Vision

The Telford Park School



These are our values. They can be thought of as our ‘non-negotiables’ - beliefs, *expectations and standards* that underpin how we work with the young people in our care, and the community we serve. We believe that if we work in the context of these values, students will achieve more than they ever thought possible. They are also values that have evolved following a *sustained* period of success for our school.

Our Young People

We value three main types of achievement for our young people, and the vision for our school is that we ensure our students are *empowered* to achieve to a consistently outstanding level.

Achievement - Academic:

We believe all young people have the potential to achieve great things. Intelligence can be developed regardless of emotional and social background, given appropriate teaching and bespoke, individualised support. Young people should be encouraged to develop autonomy and meta-cognitive control (‘knowing what to do when they don’t know what to do’) in their learning and to gain inspiration from learning. They should be equipped with a crucial sense of possibility based on a well developed self awareness and ambition - ambition not only for themselves but for the communities in which they live and work.

Achievement - ‘letting your light shine’:

All young people achieve things they can be proud of every day in addition to academic success and outside our school’s planned curriculum. We have a vital role in ensuring individuals develop their own talents and interests and have a responsibility to instil in them a sense of pride in who they are and what they achieve. *We must recognise and celebrate these achievements.*

Achievement - relationships (Starfish Principle):

Excellent relationships for learning are a prerequisite for all other achievements. Relationships that result in mutual respect between young people and all other members of our school community will ensure learning can be fun in a disciplined and caring environment where the highest expectations are the norm.

Our Staff

Our Values extend to how we challenge, support and work with each other. All staff (support and teaching) play a crucial role in the education of young people. We all understand how our work has a direct influence on the life chances of the young people in our care. In the same way that we all have a duty of care to them, we have a duty of care to each other and have regard for each other’s professional and personal well being.

All members of the staff community see themselves as learners. They are empowered to make decisions, be creative and to lead. Mutual respect pervades all relationships, working together to enhance professional learning and practice and collaboration; collegiality and a sense of team identifies how all staff work together. All staff have clarity and certainty about the direction our school is taking and be working on only a few initiatives at any one time with a sense of how their work is contributing to that vision. Staff co-operate with each other and are not in competition with each other - they are part of a team that ensures our schools are among the best in the country.