

'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.' Eleanor Roosevelt

Our Year 12 Personal Development Curriculum has been carefully curated to welcome our new students into our sixth form college community so that they are sensitively challenged to think about adult issues. Through this, our students will be encouraged to engage with and challenge perspectives on potentially divisive issues such as prejudice and morality to establish what they stand for. Students are mentored by our expert tutor team who deliver an ambitious personal development curriculum in an age appropriate manner and through this programme they are encouraged to take responsibility, lead their learning and make the right steps to be informed.

As they begin the next phase of their journey, students will be introduced to our sixth form college ethos 'Sapere Aude' or 'Dare to Know' which encourages both freedom of thought whilst also challenging students to equip themselves with knowledge that goes beyond the curriculum. This ethos lies at the very core of our ambition for our students and will encourage them to shape their own identities and beliefs through being inquisitive and ambitious to learn whilst promoting similar values to others. In this important transitional period where our students are approaching adulthood, students will be encouraged to develop their understanding of diversity as they meet new students from a range of schools and backgrounds.

In year 12 we choose to focus on scholarship skills in the first half term followed by keeping safe in the second, this includes mentorship on making the right choices through topics such as drugs, driving and sexual health. In year 13 we put a greater focus on serving the school; this is embodied by our Student Union who are sophisticated communicators of the students' beliefs and work on enacting our other strand of our ethos 'leave your legacy' through using student voice as a vehicle for change. The Student Union Representatives are ambassadors for our school and are carefully selected for their inspiring and relatable characters. All of our college students are encouraged to serve the school through interactions in lower school lessons and the community through charitable events such as the Tea Dance and the Infants Christmas Party.

Our ethos 'Dare to Know' prompts our students to have a thirst for knowledge and students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for their learning by reading widely, joining subject societies and engaging with our year long scholarship programme in tutor time. We expect all students to be passionate about this challenge that they have chosen to embark upon and we will encourage our students to explore new concepts and challenge themselves to think and explore knowledge beyond the curriculum. Our students will be encouraged to be reflective of these experiences as they begin to seriously consider what the future holds for them beyond secondary education. Our fundamental value of providing an ambitious curriculum is complimented by our guidance and support to encourage our students to have ambitious aspirations for their futures. Their engagement and our dedication will help them to secure their dream futures allowing them to continue to leave their legacies in real world professions and to make a difference to the world around them.