

# Woodhouse Grove School Aims and Ethos

## Purpose, values and ambition

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Woodhouse Grove School is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school founded by the Methodist Conference in 1812 for the education of the sons of ministers. Situated between Leeds and Bradford on a 70 acre campus with extensive grounds yet conveniently located close to major air, railway and motorway networks, Woodhouse Grove provides a first class all round education for boys and girls. We hope that our pupils will go into a world of opportunity with the confidence born of achievement in the range of activities open to them, and with the strength of character developed by their sustained exposure to challenges and experiences in a caring and secure setting.



In pursuing this mission the School's activities, behaviours and decisions are underpinned by the following distinctive aims which are core to life at Woodhouse Grove.

- *To promote academic excellence and realise the full potential of every individual to be the best that he/she can be*
- *To foster mature, caring behaviour and high standards of social responsibility*
- *To encourage leadership, adventure and self- discovery*
- *To endorse the values of integrity, loyalty and commitment, and uphold the School's Christian heritage*
- *To pursue excellence in the creative arts*
- *To prepare our pupils for a world they will encounter when they leave school*
- *To promote sporting excellence and develop fitness, well-being and healthy competition across the whole school*

Woodhouse Grove School is a member of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST) and derives many benefits from this membership. The school's aims should all be seen in the context of the Methodist ethos and character, seeking to contribute to diversity in education. Methodist Schools are inclusive and unpretentious communities where individuals are valued, good order is respected, relationships cherished, and where excellence in its widest sense (academic, co-curricular, lifestyle) is pursued. Methodist Schools encourage a sense of belonging, seek to improve lives and boldly expect the impossible.



The Methodist Independent Schools Trust's aims:

- *to be caring Christian family communities committed to the development of the full potential of each individual, having regard for their personal attributes in addition to their academic aspirations*
- *to maintain high educational standards in all their academic, cultural and sporting activities, stimulating excitement in learning and requiring discipline in study whatever the ability of the child*
- *to work with and in the communities they serve*
- *to worship as Christians in the Methodist tradition; to uphold Christian values in practice as well as in theory and to make religious education a strong feature of the curriculum, whilst welcoming members of other faiths (and none) in a spirit of openness and tolerance*
- *to encourage pupils in a critical examination of the standards and values current in society and to discover and develop a personal faith to guide them throughout their lives*

### **Our ambition**

Our ambition is to achieve national and international recognition as the school of choice for parents seeking an outstanding all-round and full education for their children. We will achieve this by maximising academic outcomes in relation to ability, and by building on our existing strengths of pastoral excellence underpinned by state-of-the-art facilities and a breadth of opportunity.

We will ensure that all of our activities are focused on pupil benefit; that we invest in our estate and modern technology to provide outstanding facilities and learning resources; and that we maintain the financial sustainability required to deliver this.