



DERBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Aims and Ethos of Derby Grammar School

Derby Grammar School aims to provide a high quality education which allows pupils to flourish in an atmosphere that provides intellectual challenge and celebrates success. The pupils and staff share high expectations and the staff are committed to helping and encouraging their pupils to succeed.

Fulfilling potential both in the classroom and outside is central to our work at Derby Grammar School. If students are happy, fulfilled and contributing significantly outside the classroom they are likely to work much better within it. We aim to encourage talent and participation amongst all of our pupils and we pride ourselves on the wide range of activities and extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

We hope to offer an education that provides huge opportunities for pupils. It provides a strong basis for higher education, for a subsequent career and for a rounded life, whilst encouraging a sense of happiness and fulfilment at school. It should also be fun - hard work (both in and out of the classroom) goes hand in hand with enjoyment.

Our aim is to be the school of choice for able pupils throughout Derby and the South Derbyshire area.

We seek to

- to provide an excellent all-round education with a commitment to academic excellence at its core.
- to aspire to equip our pupils with a breadth of skills and knowledge, which will enable them to perform outstandingly well at school and in later life.
- to obtain places on good courses in higher education, and to succeed in a rapidly-changing world.
- to provide a range of well-run and diverse extra-curricular activities, which encourage and support our pupils in becoming confident, rounded, and socially responsible young people.

Our values determine how we seek to achieve our aims. We believe that:

- the pupils' educational welfare is of paramount importance.
- a breadth of knowledge and skills are an essential feature of our notion of success.
- learning can, and should be, fun.
- independent thought, expression and learning are essential attributes of our community.
- diversity should be respected, embraced and celebrated, whether it is cultural, religious, or otherwise.
- every individual has a responsibility for his/her own actions.



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- we share the responsibility with pupils and parents to support and develop each pupil's self-confidence and self-esteem.
- charitable endeavour, working in partnership and sharing our facilities with the local community contribute to the diversity of pupil and staff experience and help us all to become socially responsible citizens.

Why is this school different?

The considerable breadth of both our academic programme and our extra-curricular activities reflects the enthusiasm and quality of our staff and pupils whilst our small size allows us to know and treat each child as an individual. Our ethos informs our commitment to society and students are encouraged to play their part. We have a clarity of purpose that permeates throughout the School. We know what our priorities are and we have the confidence to stand by them.

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