## Colyton Grammar School SCHOOL AIMS

At Colyton Grammar School the well-being of the school community as a whole is of primary importance.

The school has a tradition of high academic expectation, nurtured by a culture which values achievement in all activities and supports fully the development of each student to achieve success, gain self-confidence and be equipped as independent learners, ready to take their place as responsible 21st century citizens.

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Our principal aim is to advance high quality learning that enables all students to fulfil their intellectual potential, moral and emotional development.	<ul> <li>Diagnostic/formative assessment; target setting.</li> <li>Progression in students' learning.</li> <li>High expectation of presentation and behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Comments on students' work are regular and helpful.</li> <li>Students' work; schemes of work.</li> <li>Whole school and departmental policies used effectively and consistently.</li> </ul>
The further aims of the school are:		
To provide high quality teaching that challenges students and equips them for life by encouraging enquiry, originality and creativity in a positive atmosphere.	<ul> <li>Wide range of tasks that develop independent research skills.</li> <li>Use of appropriate and rigorous teaching methods and styles.</li> <li>Wide range of extracurricular activities such as music, drama, public speaking, sports.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Schemes of work. Effective use of library to support curriculum.</li> <li>Department policies and schemes of work, lesson observations, effective programme of Professional Development.</li> <li>List of activities, high levels of participation.</li> </ul>
To provide an environment that enables students to learn and teachers to teach effectively	<ul> <li>Code of conduct and ethos that encourages good discipline.</li> <li>Working environment that is well resourced and fully equipped.</li> <li>Effective use of rewards and sanctions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Punctuality, politeness and respect. Orderly movement around school. Orderly start and end to lessons.</li> <li>Display policy, regular, effective displays of students' work. Lack of "clutter" in classroom; uniformity of furniture that is well maintained.</li> <li>Sanctions rarely need to be repeated.</li> </ul>
To promote and recognise high standards of achievement in all spheres of activity.	<ul> <li>Expectation that every student will realise their full academic potential.</li> <li>Consistent, regular and formative work.</li> <li>Effective use of rewards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use of target setting and achievement of targets in examinations.</li> <li>Effective department marking policies; standardised assessment.</li> <li>Monitoring of use. Public acknowledgement and celebration of success.</li> </ul>

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To promote an ability to form successful relationships characterised by an understanding of the needs of other, tolerance, trust and the valuing of our own, and others ability.	<ul> <li>Rigorous and successful tutorial programme.</li> <li>Supportive and effective liaison between pastoral and curriculum staff and parents.</li> <li>No tolerance of inappropriate behaviour, bullying or verbal abuse.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Structured scheme of work that indicated progression. Students acquire collaborative skill and demonstrate respect for everyone in the school community.</li> <li>Systems in place that communicate relevant information quickly.</li> <li>Behaviour policies are consistently applied; guaranteed response to bullying.</li> </ul>
To broaden horizons and to promote an interest in the local community and the wide world in all its cultural diversity.	<ul> <li>Opportunities for raising awareness of contemporary history, politics, culture and the arts and spiritual and religious belief.</li> <li>Developing links with other schools, HE, local business, residents of the area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tutorial programme, schemes of work, assemblies, newspapers/periodicals in library. Regular, purposeful visits (eg French Exchange).</li> <li>Programme of contacts that is carefully planned and regularly reviewed.</li> </ul>
To develop physical and emotional health and a sense of the importance of morality and personal responsibility.	<ul> <li>Health education across the curriculum.</li> <li>Extra-curricular opportunities for sports activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Schemes of work. Effective health and safety practices.</li> <li>Wide range of activities and high rates of participation.</li> </ul>
To encourage discernment, good judgement and self- discipline.	<ul> <li>Assemblies that have a moral and spiritual dimension and reflect school ethos.</li> <li>Opportunities in lessons for reflection, awe and spiritual awareness.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular review of content of assemblies.</li> <li>Quality of discussion. Work requiring evidence of empathy.</li> </ul>
To provide equality of opportunity for all	<ul> <li>Opportunities for students both in lessons and other situation to aim their views and have them critically debated.</li> <li>Encouragement of effective work habits amongst students.</li> <li>Situations that demand the use of reasoned argument combined with sensitivity and tolerance.</li> <li>Tasks, resources and teaching styles that avoid the use of stereotypes.</li> <li>Awareness of differences in performance by, for example, gender. (Examinations, lesson participation, rewards and commendations.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Schemes of work; evidence of responsive and articulate contributions to lessons. An active and productive School Forum.</li> <li>Effective use of organisers/planners. Marking practices that expect students to meet deadlines and maintain high standards of presentation.</li> <li>Schemes of work (eg analysis of experimental data, analysis of written text).</li> <li>Schemes of work. Analyses of resources and of students' responses (written and spoken).</li> <li>Analyses of performance.</li> </ul>