



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

MISSION STATEMENT, AIMS and OBJECTIVES.

Mission Statement:

It is and shall be the mission of Christ's Hospital in perpetuity:

- To offer to boys and girls of suitable age an education of such breadth and excellence as will fit them pre-eminently for work and service in society in their generation and in particular to enable them to compete confidently with their peers for opportunities in further education and careers;
- In so doing to develop first the skills, learning habits, independence of mind and spiritual awareness that will enable and motivate them to continue to educate themselves throughout their lives; and second, a high sense of responsibility towards themselves, their families, their associates and to society at large, such as to form a permanent foundation of their training and character;
- To present to its pupils the Christian faith in all its mystery and splendour;
- To have regard especially to children of families in social, financial or other need, in the choice of pupils, that choice to remain the prerogative of the Foundation;
- To maintain and further the close connection between the Foundation and the City of London so successfully nurtured since 1552.

The School's Aim:

Christ's Hospital's aim is to provide boys and girls, predominantly those in need, with an outstanding boarding education that will allow them to achieve their full potential to the betterment of themselves and society.

The School's Objective:

Our objective is to enable every boy and girl at CH to achieve full academic potential and develop individual talents, ideas and interests in a caring boarding community which fosters respect for others, self-confidence, a sense of service and a love of learning.

Means to Achieving These Aims and Objectives:

In order to maintain its current structure and ethos, Christ's Hospital aims to:

- Ensure that in keeping with the school's mission statement, the majority of pupils admitted have significant social, familial, financial or educational needs;
- Attract, select and admit children of sufficient academic and personal promise to benefit fully from the opportunities available at this school; and
- Maintain the current size of the school with 830 full boarding pupils and 70 day pupils, with a balance of half boys and half girls ranging in age from 11 to 18;

Christ's Hospital looks to fulfil its mission in five distinct areas:

- The Educational Experience provided for pupils;
- The Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of pupils;
- The Pastoral Care and the Welfare, Health and Safety of Pupils;
- Links with Parents and the Community;
- Leadership and Management.

Within each of these areas, the school's specific aims are as follows:

The Educational Experience.

- Christ's Hospital aims to provide each pupil with:
 - a stable, supportive and structured academic environment in which there is encouragement to learn and make progress;
 - courses of study that are appropriate to age, ability and needs, including any special learning needs;
 - experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, aesthetic and creative education for as much of their schooling as possible;
 - skills in speaking and listening, literacy and numeracy;
 - appropriate support if English is not the first language;
 - excellent preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life including:
 - appropriate careers advice and encouragement to consider all relevant vocational and academic options;
 - assistance with work experience and the university application process;
 - the skills, knowledge, understanding and analytical ability to make the most of their tertiary studies and to pursue a satisfying and successful career;
 - a love of learning and a desire to carry on with their intellectual development after they leave school; and
 - an appreciation of those things which are fine and of good repute, especially in the fields of Art, Music, Drama and Literature.
- The school also aims to provide spiritual, moral, social and cultural development for pupils through:

- religious, philosophical and ethical education that reflects the school's Christian foundation, while recognising the beliefs and values of others;
 - worship at least twice each week;
 - the good example of those around them at school;
 - personal, moral, social and health education which reflects the school's aims and ethos and allows pupils to:
 - develop the skills and tolerance needed to live in close proximity with others ;
 - develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
 - respect the law and distinguish between right and wrong
 - develop initiative and self-reliance;
 - regular exposure to and a growing understanding of fundamental British values;
 - an interest in and understanding of other countries, cultures and religions;
 - a recognition of their rights and responsibilities as citizens at a local, national and international level; and
 - an awareness of major ethical, moral, political, scientific and conservation issues.
- The School aims to ensure that pupils enjoy:
 - knowledgeable, well qualified, committed and caring teachers with the ability to inspire and motivate the pupils in their care;
 - well-planned lessons, effective teaching methods, suitable activities and efficient use of class and prep time;
 - appropriate intellectual challenges, direction, enrichment and extension that will stretch each pupil to the limit of their academic ability;
 - appropriate monitoring and support to ensure that they *are* achieving their full potential;
 - regular, formative feedback, both informal and formal, on their academic progress;

Pastoral Care, Welfare, Health and Safety.

- In order to ensure the pastoral care, welfare, health and safety of its pupils, Christ's Hospital aims to:
 - provide each pupil with a calm, caring and supportive extended family environment in their boarding house;
 - ensure that boarding staff have the appropriate training and resources to discharge their duty of care effectively;
 - monitor and develop the programme of pastoral care throughout the school;
 - maintain an effective anti-bullying programme;
 - safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at school and on all school trips;
 - promote good behaviour, responsibility and self-discipline amongst pupils; and

- develop integrity, judgement, loyalty and leaderships skills in the pupils.

Links with Parents and the Community.

- Christ's Hospital aims to develop and maintain links with parents through:
 - effective and regular communication including half termly and termly newsletters;
 - regular parent/teacher meetings; and
 - encouragement to attend matches, concerts, plays and other school events.
- The school also aims to foster links with the wider school community through:
 - regular communication including a range of publications;
 - various formal and informal social events;
 - support for the alumni association; and
 - hosting reunions for alumni at school and further afield.
- Links with the community are being developed in a range of ways by:
 - providing lunches, tours and lunchtime concerts for local residents;
 - involvement in local events and politics;
 - working with local schools;
 - providing use of the school's facilities for a wide range of local groups and their events; and
 - involving pupils in a flourishing community service programme locally and further afield.

The Broader Curriculum:

- The School aims to provide pupils with a wide range of opportunities in games and sport to enable them to:
 - recognise latent skills and talents that they might have and develop these to an appropriate level;
 - receive qualified and sympathetic coaching at an appropriate level in both team and individual sports;
 - receive the encouragement they need to pursue their sporting interests to an appropriate level;
 - have access to an appropriate level of competition in both individual and team sports (whether it be 4th or 1st level team);
 - recognise the life-long benefits of regular physical exercise and good levels of fitness; and
 - learn to enjoy the challenges, triumphs and disappointments of competition.
- The School aims to develop each pupil's self-reliance, initiative, team work and leadership through a range of outdoor activities including:
 - Expeditions: mountaineering, kayaking, cycling;
 - CCF;

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; and
- Other forms of outdoor education such as Bushcraft Lessons.

Leadership and Management.

- Christ's Hospital aims to:
 - ensure that the Council of Christ's Hospital includes members with an appropriate range of skills and experience and that those governors receive appropriate training in governance and safeguarding matters;
 - ensure that the members of the school management team:
 - have an appropriate range of skills, experience and ability;
 - receive appropriate support and guidance from the BSG; and
 - undertake suitable in-service training;
 - ensure that the school is fully compliant with all regulatory requirements relating to:
 - the suitability of staff, supply staff, support staff and governors;
 - maintaining a register of staff appointments;
 - risk assessment and management;
 - health and safety;
 - pupil records; and
 - its premises and accommodation.

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