CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

OUR PURPOSE, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE:

To challenge inequality by providing a nurturing, transformative education for young people from all backgrounds.

MISSION:

The mission of Christ's Hospital is to offer young people of suitable age an education of such breadth and excellence as will fit them pre-eminently for service in society and employment in their generation; and in particular to enable them to compete competently with their peers for opportunities in further education and careers. In doing so,

- a) 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;
- b) in the choice of pupils, to have regard especially to children of families in social, financial or other specific need;
- c) to provide our pupils with opportunities to explore, reflect upon, and grow in their understanding of, the Christian faith;
- d) to maintain and further the close connection with the City of London so successfully nurtured since 1552.

OBJECTIVES:

Christ's Hospital has the following objectives for students:

- a) The school experience centres on **building and strengthening attributes**. These attributes are kindness, inclusion, responsibility, perseverance, and individuality, which are pillar-strength principles of the Christ's Hospital curriculum.
- b) A **curriculum to support challenge** in all its forms. This means encouraging three characteristics in the Christ's Hospital curriculum:
 - i students have opportunities to experience challenge;
 - ii students, having been challenged, will themselves, challenge discerningly; and
 - iii the spirit of challenge flowing from this experience will be brought to bear upon the societies Christ's Hospital students enter.

Challenge at Christ's Hospital is understood to be part of a creative, productive, and transformative progress, which equips students to shape positively the societies to which they belong.

- c) Protect and develop **excellence in academic achievement** through structured growth of teaching and learning practices, insisting upon a culture which embraces academic challenge.
- d) The school recognises that some of the most notable learning takes place well beyond the classroom; it places strong emphasis on the value of **blended experience** to create the finest possible curriculum.

Note on terminology: From September 2023, will refer children at the school as **students**; the mission statement above is directly taken from our governing instrument and so maintains its references to **pupils**.

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