

Sydenham School

Ethos & Mission

To be reviewed 2017



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Our Vision and Mission **Aim High, Achieve Higher**

With courage and clarity, delivering a vision of common purpose. Sydenham School has a bright future ahead as the school approaches its centenary in 2017. By then it will be an even more exceptional school – with an outstanding curriculum focused on STEAM, leading to happy students, enjoying learning, making excellent progress with remarkably good value added outcomes, achieving significant high attainment above all national measures and reaching their best destinations. There will be no achievement gaps. The school is already oversubscribed and 'Outstanding' in many respects. We are now in our new building with strong capacity due to first rate leadership

Achievement and Standards

*The School has high aspirations and strong expectations of all.
The School continues to exceed national standards in all measures.'*

Quality of Teaching and Learning

Inspirational teaching, exciting learning, achievement for all.'

Behaviour and Safety

*For all students to understand and display excellent behaviour for learning,
both within the Sydenham community and in the wider community and for them
to feel safe and secure.*

Resources

*Sydenham School spends its money wisely and well
to gain the best advantage for students,
ensuring Value for Money through the prudent use of resources
leading to good outcomes for students*

Governing Body Key Priorities in the School Improvement Plan

Key Focus Teaching and Learning

- *To ensure that there is high quality teaching in all areas of the school and to support a culture of rigorous and positive performance management towards achieving that.*

Key Focus Achievement

- *To ensure achievement for all with a particular focus on gaining a clearer understanding of value added. Where that is not achieved having a better understanding of why and translating that into plans for improvement.*

Key Focus Resources

- *To ensure value for money; to determine whether expenditure and use of resources leads to good outcomes for students*

Key Focus Communication with Families

- *To engage more meaningfully with the whole school community –families, parents and students. Better engagement with parents and students. To seek and encourage feedback in order to improve. To devise an effective system for measuring engagement with parents and students.*

Key Focus Behaviour:

- *To support the school in setting clear standards of behaviour and to work towards the aspiration of achieving nil external exclusions. To work closely with Head teacher and Senior Leadership Team to implement practical solutions to achieve this.*

Key Focus Safeguarding:

- *To ensure the highest standards and systems of safeguarding. To build governors' awareness of risks and confidence in dealing with safeguarding issues.*

Key Focus SFH6

- *To strengthen the performance and profile of the 6th form and grow its impact and presence within the school - with a particular focus on enrichment activities, developing leadership and using the full potential of the 6th form to support pupils throughout the school.*

Key Focus BSF

- *To ensure the safe and smooth running of the school during the BSF project – supporting the development of a realistic, proportionate approach to health and safety and actively supporting key staff responsible for that.*