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## CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS OF MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL

**We are a community forged from innovation, bravery, confidence, inspiration and joy**

We inspire a life-long love of learning and provide academic excellence for pupils, teaching staff and support staff. We have a culture of collaboration, coaching and challenge. We are brave in our pursuit of excellence: progress is driven by innovation and reflection.

The co-curriculum supports and enriches the academic curriculum through clubs, societies, trips and publications. We celebrate and explore the relationship between academic excellence and co-curricular participation: at different points in a school career, the focus upon each element will vary. Similarly, we maintain the balance between our focus upon promoting excellence and wide participation.

We provide co-curricular opportunities to develop the character of everyone in the school – pupils, teaching staff and support staff. All aspire to become more well-rounded, charming, confident, enthusiastic and independent. We work as a team, creating lasting bonds within our community.

We care for each other in a civilised, collaborative and respectful manner. That spirit creates a safe, inspiring and inclusive environment that promotes self-esteem. Our focus is upon the individual and the community: knowing and caring for everyone in the school, whether pupil, teaching staff or support staff, creates a place in which people feel they belong, have shared purpose and have a role to play. We use our strength to serve the wider community beyond the school.

Head Master  
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