



# Wetherby High School

## Qualities and Values

The qualities by which we wish to be recognised as a school, as leaders, as teachers and as students are the qualities of:

- **Confidence**
- **Creativity**
- **Caring.**

With these qualities we believe everyone can achieve their full potential and enjoy a productive, fulfilling life. They are not constraining and can be manifested in as many ways as there are individuals. At Wetherby High School we encourage, teach and celebrate these qualities in an environment of equal opportunity and respect for diversity.

Our ethical values and standards of behaviour also embody these qualities. So what do they mean in practice?

### **Confidence**

Confidence is the justified belief that our actions will achieve results. This may seem obvious or trivial, but so often people for whatever reason lack this belief in themselves and therefore do not take the action they need to succeed in study or in other walks of life.

At Wetherby High School we actively build confidence in all who work and study here. We believe that this involves each person:

- Experiencing success
- Practising diligently
- Setting themselves challenging, achievable goals
- Witnessing positive role models
- Receiving prompt, constructive, friendly feedback on their performance
- Feeling good about learning
- Forming strong, supportive social relationships.

### **Creativity**

Creativity is one of the greatest distinguishing quality of human beings, and our greatest potential. Each of us has the ability to transform the world as we find it in small or in dramatic ways and ideally for the better.

At Wetherby High School, we promote and value creativity in all activities (whether in arts, sciences, humanities, sports, vocational studies or community involvement). We appreciate that as well as knowledge and intelligence, creativity thrives on curiosity, imagination, physical skills and emotional responsiveness.

### **Caring**

We also believe strongly that confident and creative people should be caring people if they are to make a positive, worthwhile contribution to their communities. By this we mean that individuals need to respect and care for:

- Their own physical and mental wellbeing
- The wellbeing of other people
- Their school and the wider environment.

At Wetherby High School we set high standards and have even higher expectations under each of these dimensions for all who work and study here, and these are set out in our positive behaviour policies.