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IN PARTNERSHIP TO EDUCATE, NURTURE AND EMPOWER

Welcome

Bishop Young is a caring, friendly and inclusive Church of England Academy. Our aim is to promote values of peace, compassion, endurance, hope, koinonia (Christian fellowship) and wisdom so that our students can achieve to their fullest potential.

Named after David Young, a former Bishop of Ripon, in recognition of his extensive work in education, the Academy's vision is to work "In Partnership to Educate, Nurture and Empower".



Our values are complemented by the Church of England's own vision for education, which seeks to encourage educational excellence and aims to give young people the skills they need to flourish in the wider community. This vision is comprised of four basic elements: wisdom, hope, community and dignity.

As a member of the Abbey Multi Academy Trust (MAT), Bishop Young Academy is poised to achieve great things. Our faith and shared aims, unites our extended family of learners.



Wisdom

We aim to stretch our students academically and support them pastorally, to provide the very best outcomes for all our young people.

We believe that the pursuit of wisdom, knowledge and truth are intrinsic to a quality education. As such, we aim to nurture our students' confidence, emotional intelligence and understanding, to enable them to achieve academically and develop the skills they need in preparation for adult life.

Our students are unique and, as such, we aim to provide an education that is tailored to meet their individual needs and abilities. Students study a broad and balanced curriculum within a calm and purposeful environment, with an emphasis on traditional academic subjects. At the same time, innovation in teaching, and a focus on developing our students' resilience and independence, give them the opportunity to excel across a wide range of subjects.

A rich variety of extra-curricular activities also encourages our students to develop new interests and broaden their experience.



Hope

Housed in a state-of-the-art building, we aim to be a beacon of excellence in all areas of life, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our expert and enthusiastic staff have high aspirations and high expectations for all our students. We aim to both support and challenge each and every one of our young people, and actively seek to foster creativity, imagination, responsibility and a love of learning within a Christian environment.

This includes helping students to make the most appropriate choices during their time with us and at post-16 – including Further Education, apprenticeships, employment and progression to university.

In the Sixth Form, we offer a broad range of qualifications, including A levels and Level 3 vocational courses, that are well matched to the changing needs and rising aspirations of our students.

Ultimately, we want to widen our young people's horizons, both locally and globally, and give them hope for the future.



Community

Our values of peace, compassion and koinonia sit alongside our aim to work within, and contribute responsibly towards, the wider community, benefitting all learners and promoting lifelong learning. Fundraising activities and volunteering opportunities in support of charitable good causes also demonstrate faith in action.

Supported by the Abbey Multi Academy Trust, our links with other primary and secondary schools, universities, local and national business, the Diocese and the local community also provide opportunities for our students to achieve their best.

Students at Bishop Young also belong to one of six houses, named after Cathedrals. These mini 'families' consist of students from different year groups and help to foster a sense of wellbeing and belonging, as well as pride and good-natured rivalry.

We also welcome the important contribution of our parents and carers in the education of their children, and in supporting the aims and ethos of the school.



Dignity

We value all faiths, actively celebrate diversity, and aim to develop in our students a deeper understanding of human society, and their place in it. We do this by empowering them with the belief that they can have a positive impact on their own life and the lives of others.

In addition, we aim to nurture supportive and productive relationships, based on mutual respect, dignity and trust. As a result, students thrive in an atmosphere of equality and opportunity for all.

Students are encouraged to play an active role in the life of the school through a wide variety of leadership opportunities and initiatives such as the Student and Leadership councils. These enable our young people to have their say, giving them an increased sense of community and responsibility.

At all times, we aim to safeguard our students' health and wellbeing so that, with our support and guidance, they feel happy, safe, and able to flourish.

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