



Queen's College, London

Established 1848

## Aims and Values

**Queen's is a community where every individual thrives.**

We are academically ambitious and pastorally led. We believe that the well-being of young people comes not only from achievement in examinations and fulfilment in co-curricular activities – though these are crucial – but, above all, from a sense of being known, supported and valued for who they are.

We notice, nurture and nourish the individual attributes of each child in our care. Through this approach, pupils leave Queen's both rounded and grounded, with a clear sense of their own place in a complex world, and a desire to go out and improve it.

The values we seek to embody and encourage are:

**Tenacity.** We are a selective school, but recognise that young people's strengths are not spread equally. Our teaching style encourages risk-taking, perseverance and academic courage: pupils at Queen's strive to achieve the best they can in each course they undertake, and every child's success is celebrated equally.

**Happiness.** Our belief is that too many London schools overlook this simple but central priority. Our pastoral care is second to none: through our Thrive curriculum, themed pastoral weeks and many other initiatives, we create an inclusive, friendly and supportive environment that enables young people to find their place while establishing concrete foundations for academic achievement.

**Resilience.** It is impossible to achieve success without experiencing setbacks, so we encourage our pupils to get out of their comfort zone and to have a go. We want them to make mistakes inside and outside the classroom, knowing that Queen's is a safe place for them to do so, and that this will help them learn.

**Integrity.** Personal qualities, as much as academic success, lead to positive outcomes in adult life. Our pupils are proud of who they are and value the differences of their peers. Our bursary programme supports our ambition to be as diverse, welcoming and tolerant a

community as possible, while our charitable activity and work experience programme ensure our young people cannot be educated in a 'bubble'.

**Versatility.** With over 80 clubs and activities taking place each week, there is an opportunity for every child to find their place at Queen's. These are supplemented by regular trips both abroad and closer to home, taking full advantage of our extraordinary location. Our curriculum, too, offers breadth as well as depth, with pupils, for example, having a taste of four modern languages in their first year.

**Excellence.** Our pupils achieve not just outstanding academic results, bringing places at some of the world's most competitive universities, but success on the sports field, the concert hall, the gallery and the theatre. They take pride in their school, and in their own and others' achievements, leaving Queen's equipped with the confidence and credentials to enable them to embark on an exciting and successful future.