

## Values and Ethos

We have three simple aims for all of our students. We expect them to 'Respect, progress and succeed'. We also seek to adhere to three incontrovertible values: kindness, honesty and tolerance. These six words frame our ethos.

Below is an extract from our Ofsted Report which we think captures our values.

"Eckington school has a powerful ethos based on the aims for the school community to 'respect, progress, succeed', together with the values of 'honesty, kindness and tolerance'.

This ethos is emphasised in lessons and assemblies and, supported by the school's good curriculum, contributes to the students' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Students feel outstandingly safe at school, and they have wide opportunities to participate actively in the life of the school and the local community. Through a system of 'pledges', every student chooses three areas where they will make a positive contribution over the year. This acts as an important and effective focus, encouraging all students to be active in the life of the school or the community.

It also significantly contributes to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Many students act most effectively as sports leaders with local primary schools while others are part of a youth section of the local parish council. Projects that result from these links and also from excellent links with the local police have made a material impact on relations between the generations in local communities. As a result, both the extent to which students contribute to the school and the wider community and the effectiveness with which the school promotes community cohesion are outstanding. The school itself is a highly cohesive community.

The care, guidance and support provided by the school are outstanding. Support is very well targeted and several younger students described the school as having the feeling of a family. When students exhibit particular social needs, the school uses its links with local agencies to intervene effectively at an early stage."