

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Downside School's vision - as a leading Catholic school - is to be a bright light in the world of education, illuminating the lives of young people and inspiring service in the world through experience of Benedictine culture. It will enable pupils and staff to develop their own identity through experience of a community with Christ at its centre.

“The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence” Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

First Key Aim: To guide pupils and staff to encounter Christ through experience of a Benedictine community of faith

“We mean to establish a school for the Lord's service” (R.St.B. Prologue v.45)

“The first of all things to aim at is to love the Lord God with your whole heart and soul and strength and then to love your neighbour as much as you do yourself” (R.St.B. Ch.4 v. 1-2)

Second Key Aim: To be uncompromising in the pursuit of academic excellence

“...in which the strong will have ideals to inspire them and the weak may not be frightened away by excessive demands” (R.St.B Chapter 64)

Third Key Aim: To foster a culture of unselfish love, integrity, humility and leadership through service

“And so to prepare ourselves for the journey before us, let us renew our faith and

set ourselves high standards by which to lead our lives. The Gospel should be our guide in following the way of Christ...” (R.St.B. Prologue v. 21)

“Give help and support to the poor; clothe the naked, visit the sick ...” (R.St.B. Prologue Ch. 4 v. 5)

Fourth Key Aim: To develop the character and confidence of young people through sport and extra-curricular opportunities

“Idleness is the enemy of the soul...” (R.St.B Chapter 48)

“If there are any in the community with creative gifts, they should use them in their workshops with proper humility” (R.St.B Chapter 57)

Fifth Key Aim: To develop the school community's facilities and resources through strategic stewardship

“The Superior should entrust the property of the monastery ... to various

members of the community whose character and reliability inspire confidence...” (R.St.B Chapter 32)

“The principle from scripture should be established ... namely that distribution was made to each in accordance with their needs” (R.St.B Chapter 34)

RULE AND REGULATIONS

The Downside Rule

The priority of a Gregorian is duty to others. He/She is obliged to act with courtesy and common sense for the good of the community. Any behaviour that causes discomfort, distress or danger does not conform to the rule.

Regulations

Dress - Regulation dress:

1. For Boys: consists of black shoes, a suit as supplied by the Tailor, and a white shirt, which has to be worn with a tie and the collar buttoned. Instead of the jacket a black sweater, V-necked and showing the collar and tie, may usually be worn. Any school tie to which the wearer is entitled is permitted. Prefects have the privilege of wearing their own ties. Socks are to be black or grey in colour. Two pairs of regulation trousers are necessary. For Girls: consists of School blouse, jacket and skirt as supplied by the School Shop. Instead of the jacket, a maroon V-necked sweater may be worn. All girls in the Sixth Form may wear a black sweater. Tights should be black or flesh coloured. Girls' shoes should be flat. Girls in Forms 1 to 5 must have their hair tied back when in regulation dress.
2. The jacket is necessary for all pupils, apart from the Juniors, because it is worn at Mass and on other formal occasions, such as Open Days.
3. Everyone needs at least two pairs of black shoes (not boots) in good condition. These must be of polished leather with black soles.
4. Full regulation dress is to be worn during the working day. On Sundays it must be worn until after Mass. This includes pupils in the Schola Cantorum and those serving at the altar. Girls singing in the Schola, and serving on the altar, should have their hair tied back.
5. In the Refectory during the working week (Monday to Friday) for breakfast and lunch the appropriate clothing is regulation dress, subject to any exceptions issued from time to time by the Deputy Head Master or the Director of Pastoral Care. For supper during the working week the appropriate clothing is regulation dress, smart casual wear or the Downside track suit. At Saturday breakfast, regulation dress must be worn. Regulation Dress, the Downside track suit or smart casual wear may be worn for meals from Saturday lunchtime through to Sunday supper.
6. Informal dress must be respectable and not of the kind to make others feel uncomfortable. During the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, no one may enter the Refectory wearing shorts, and hats are never to be worn indoors. At other times, shorts and sandals may be worn.
7. All clothes must be marked with the owner's name. Unmarked clothes (regulation and casual) will be disposed of by the Laundry after a short period.
8. Hair styles must be appropriate: for boys, cut neatly, short enough to show the collar and not to fall over the eyes. Shaven heads, and No. 1 haircuts, are not permissible. Pupils are expected to have neat, clean and presentable hair. Tinting or dyeing is not allowed, and yellow bleaching is not permissible. Extremes of hairstyle are not acceptable. Boys must be clean shaven. For safety reasons, girls may have to have hair tied back for certain lessons, e.g. games. Girls' hair should be tied back when in full regulation dress.
9. While in regulation dress, and during the working day (7.40 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.), pupils below the Sixth Form may not wear visible make-up or nail varnish. Sixth Form girls may wear discreet make-up, and discreet nail varnish, if they wish.
10. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or studs in School. Girls in the Third to Sixth Forms are permitted to wear one stud in each ear lobe, and girls and boys may wear a thin chain necklace with a Cross. In regulation dress, bracelets may not be worn. In the Sixth Form, one discreet ring may be worn. Other than in ears, no piercing should be on display at any time. While in casual clothes, and outside the working day, sensible norms and limits should be observed. For reasons of safety, all jewellery may have to be removed at certain times, e.g. for games and sports.
11. Personal stereos or ipods may not be worn by pupils when in regulation dress during the working day.
12. Items of regulation dress may not be worn in combination with casual clothes. When regulation dress is worn it must be worn smartly.
13. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

Refectories and Food

1. Meals take place at the times stated in the horarium. Pupils are required to attend all meals, unless given leave of absence by their House Master/House Mistress.
2. No food, crockery or cutlery may be taken out of the refectories without permission from one's House Master/House Mistress and the catering manager. Borrowed items must be returned as soon as possible after use.
3. Eating or drinking is not allowed in classrooms, laboratories, the libraries, the ICT centres or the sports hall.
4. Chewing gum is forbidden in the School at all times.

Working environment

1. Rooms and dormitories should be quiet during work periods. Any music being played must be at a volume that no one else can hear. Any equipment that is misused is liable to confiscation. Pupils may not be outside their own private areas without permission.
2. If a teacher fails to arrive for a lesson, the class must first wait for five minutes. If the teacher is still not present, they must then go to the Supervised Study Room or, if they are Sixth Formers, to their rooms, where permitted. One member of the class must go to the Old House and tell the Deputy Head Master's Secretary what has happened.
3. A visitor from outside may be invited into the School only with permission from one's House Master/House Mistress. No visitor may be entertained in a pupil's room without the permission of his/her House Master/House Mistress. Every visitor must be recorded in the Visitors' Book.
4. Pupils must not congregate in large groups in corridors, or sit on floors in corridors, as this can obstruct the easy movement of others, and can thus present a risk in case of fire.
5. Correcting fluid may not be used in the School.
6. Pupils must use lever-arch files in their House colour, as provided in the School Shop.

Libraries

1. Anyone borrowing a book from the Petre Library must remove it according to the procedures published in the Library.
2. Each department has its own library and many of the books can be borrowed. Reading lists can be obtained from Heads of Department.
3. All libraries should remain quiet places for study and reflection.

Electronic equipment

1. Every item of electronic equipment is to be registered with the House Master/House Mistress, who will record the make and serial number. The equipment must be marked, PA tested and approved for use.
2. It is a condition of using a computer in the school that it must have anti-virus software installed by the ICT Department and that the machine is used in accordance with the school's current requirements.

Travel

1. No pupil may drive a motor vehicle during term time, without the permission of the Deputy Head Master, except for permitted driving lessons, nor keep any motor vehicle at Downside or in the village. Driving instruction is not negotiable through the School. If permission to drive a motor vehicle has been granted by the Deputy Head Master, the pupil and his/her parents/guardian must sign and abide by a 'driving agreement' document and car keys must be deposited with the pupil's House Master/House Mistress on arrival at School.
2. Bicycles must have their owner's name clearly marked on them, and their serial number should be given to the House

Master/House Mistress. They must be locked when not in use, and kept in approved places. Passengers must not be carried on bicycles. Cycling off site requires both parental and School permission. Please see the Director of Pastoral Care to be placed on the list of approved off site cyclists. Any pupil riding a bicycle on or off the school site must wear a helmet at all times.

3. Hitch-hiking is not allowed.
4. No pupil may be driven in a car by any person other than parent, guardian, brother or sister unless his/her House Master/House Mistress has given specific permission. If the driver is under 25 years old, then written consent from parents is required.
5. No pupil may return to School before the first day of term without the permission of the Head Master. Every pupil must report to his House Master/House Mistress by 9.00 p.m. on the day term begins.
6. All transport requested of the School is to be paid for, even if, in the event, it is not used.

Absences and Exeats

1. An exeat is formal permission for absence from School, during the period some time after lunch on Saturday and 9.00 p.m. on Sunday. It is conditional on the pupil having no prior commitment, whether it be games, music, drama, a society or any other activity which he/she is expected to attend.
2. The exeat requires permission from the House Master/House Mistress according to procedures set out by the Director of Pastoral Care. It must be asked for and granted by Thursday evening. It will be given only with parental consent, which should be given to the House Master/House Mistress. This must be done by letter, fax, email or phone.
3. If a pupil wishes to go out of School during Saturday or Sunday but does not wish to be out for the night, he/she gets the permission of his/her House Master/House Mistress, who must know the proposed times of departure and return.
4. The deadline for arriving back from any exeat is 9.00 p.m.. Late arrival back from an exeat is regarded as absence from School without leave.
5. No pupil is given an exeat if he/she has been gated or placed in detention that weekend.
6. Any absence from School which falls outside the above times, or which involves missing any class, or prevents a pupil from attending a sports fixture or other commitment, demands a special exeat. This is given only in exceptional circumstances, following a written request to the Deputy Head Master from parent or guardian.
7. All day pupils are obliged to register at 8.20 a.m. and by 2.00 p.m..

Alcohol & tobacco

1. Alcoholic drinks may be taken in the company of members of the teaching staff on social occasions for pupils 18 years and over. On formal occasions, which involve a set meal, pupils in the Sixth Form may be served wine or beer with the meal. Otherwise alcohol is forbidden. It is against the law to sell or supply alcohol to anybody under the age of eighteen except on formal occasions with a sit down meal. It is against the law for anybody under the age of eighteen to purchase alcohol.
2. Alcohol may not be brought into the School without permission from the pupil's House Master/House Mistress.
3. Smoking is not allowed within the School and while the pupils are under the school's control. It is illegal for persons under the age of eighteen to buy tobacco. Smoking materials must not be brought into School.
4. Pupils are expected to make themselves aware of the dangers of tobacco and of alcohol abuse and to be familiar with the anti-smoking and alcohol policies of the School. A smoking cessation clinic is available in the Health Centre and pupils are invited to attend.

Mobile telephones

1. No mobile telephone is to be used or activated during class, prep or study time without the permission of the classroom teacher or House Master/House Mistress.
2. Mobile phones should not be used:
 - in the building, other than in a private room or dormitory
 - in the entrance to Downside, including the Front Quad, the Worth Lawn and the pavement to the south of the Old House
 - in any other circumstance likely to cause offence, annoyance or danger.
3. Pupils are advised that there may be health risks in using a mobile telephone for any long period of time.
4. The School accepts no responsibility for loss, detriment or injury attendant on the use or possession of a mobile telephone.

Sporting activities

1. No pupil may swim without a responsible adult being present and a qualified lifeguard.
2. Games that can cause damage to windows are to be played away from the buildings. Golf may be practised only on the athletics field and beyond the Long Shrubberies.
3. Studded boots may not be worn inside the buildings.

Internal Bounds

1. The Abbey Church is out of bounds to all pupils unless they are accompanied by a member of staff. The Monastery and the Guest Wing are also out of bounds to pupils unless they are with a member of staff.
2. The Powell House premises, i.e. day room, dormitories, washrooms and changing rooms, are out of bounds to senior pupils.
3. No boy may enter a girl's study bedroom or dormitory. No girl may enter a boy's study bedroom or dormitory. Disobeying this regulation will result in temporary or permanent exclusion from the School. The House areas of members of the opposite sex are normally strictly out of bounds. Permission to go into the House social areas of a member of the opposite sex must be sought from the relevant House Master/House Mistress.
4. Except during performances, the Theatre/Performing Arts Centre and its associated rooms are out of bounds except to those who have official business there.
5. The Performing Arts Centre and facilities are out of bounds except to those who take music lessons and those for whom special permission, on a day-to-day basis, is granted.
6. Fire exits and roofs are out of bounds except in an emergency.
7. The accommodation of graduate assistants is out of bounds to pupils.
8. The Old House and porch are out of bounds to pupils after 6.00 p.m., unless by specific invitation by a member of staff.

External Bounds

1. Pupils must remain within the bounds of the School at all times. However, pupils may go to Chilcompton with the permission of the House Master/House Mistress using the approved safe route.
2. The Monastery Gardens and Garth, the front of the Monastery, the Stone yard, and any building site are out of bounds. The Slag Heap and area immediately around it is out of bounds.
3. The rose garden between the monks' cemetery and Abbey Road is out of bounds.
4. The Pastoral Centre and Abbey Road are out of bounds, unless permission of a pupil's House Master/House Mistress has been given.

5. No pupil must be beyond the Short Shrubbery (the Three Pins hedge) after 7.20 p.m., or after dark, if earlier, without the permission of their House Master/House Mistress.
6. No pupil may go into, or outside, the village of Stratton-on-the-Fosse without permission from their House Master/House Mistress. Within or outside the village, no pupil may visit a private house or residence without written permission from their parents, unless it is the house of a member of the School teaching staff.
7. Pupils in the Upper Sixth Form may go into licensed premises only with the consent of their House Master/House Mistress. No such permission will be given during the working week, i.e. Monday - Friday. For pupils below the Upper Sixth Form, inns, public houses and off-licences are off bounds, except in the company of their parents or a member of the teaching staff.
8. The path (and the adjacent areas) that runs past the Monks' Graveyard, and past the Monastery Library, to the door under the Bursary and the Guest Wing, is out of bounds to pupils. Pupils must enter the Abbey Church or the Weld Cloister from the Refectory end within the School.
9. The areas behind CCF are out of bounds, as are the areas adjacent to Plunkett, Ramsay and Ullathorne.

Security

1. All except the smallest sums of money (up to £5) must be deposited in the House bank.
2. All valuable items kept in rooms should be locked away when not being used and especially when the room is unattended.
3. It is required that any expensive item of equipment should be registered with the House Master/House Mistress, who will take note of the make and serial number.
4. Parents should arrange insurance cover for clothing and personal effects.
5. Pupils may not set up covert surveillance systems unless with the permission of their House Master/House Mistress and the Deputy Head Master.
6. Photographing and filming of others may only take place with their prior permission.

Misconduct

The following are considered to be serious offences against the School community, and incur severe sanction, including the possibility of exclusion (see Expulsion Policy below):

- a) The possession or use of drugs and illegal substances
- b) Bullying, including cyberbullying
- c) Racial or sexual harassment
- d) Theft
- e) Alcohol abuse
- f) Smoking, especially inside the buildings
- g) Dishonesty
- h) Malicious damage
- i) Leaving houses after lights out
- j) Absence without leave
- k) Cheating and plagiarism
- l) Wilful disobedience, rudeness or insolence to a member of staff, prefect or monitor
- m) Sexual misconduct, including 'sexting'
- n) Abuse of the fire alarm system or fire prevention or extinguishing equipment
- o) Misuse of the School computer network and Internet (including use of the dark web)
- p) Bringing the name of the School or its staff into disrepute
- q) Violent physical or verbal abuse of another person
- r) Persistent misbehaviour that has a negative effect on the learning of others

Relationships and Sexual Conduct

The policy of the School reflects the teaching of the Catholic Church. Friendships between boys and girls are firmly encouraged, but intense romances, and the emotional disturbances they involve, are to be avoided at School. Such relationships between pupils are deemed inappropriate and are not permitted, and pupils involved in sexual relationships at School must expect to be excluded.

Pupils found engaged in any form of actual or apparent sexual activity, or found together in inappropriate situations where there is evidence of physical intimacy, must expect to be excluded from the School, either temporarily or permanently, depending on the particular circumstances. Public or private intimate physical displays of affection are not permitted in School.

Pupils are expected to observe sensible norms of behaviour at all times. For instance, it is never appropriate for pupils to be alone with one another in circumstances which would suggest inappropriate physical intimacy, or the intention for it to take place. There are occasions when a brief hug or a polite kiss on the cheek might be permissible but close physical contact, such as kissing or sitting on laps, is also not appropriate between pupils, or adults, in School.

The dormitories and study bedrooms of the opposite sex are out of bounds at all times. Any pupil, who not immediately reporting to a member of staff an intrusion into his/her private area by a pupil of the opposite sex, will be assumed to have colluded in it, and can expect to share the punishment of the offender.

Downside does not tolerate sexual harassment – physical or emotional, verbal or visual. Sexual harassment may include not only direct suggestions or slurs, but also offensive movements or gestures, as well as drawings or posters which may be taken as suggestive or demeaning to either sex.

ICT

All pupils must read the School's Acceptable Use Policy and must sign a letter to say that they will abide by it.

In particular pupils may not:

- a) Use proxy servers to bypass the School's ICT security system
- b) Log-in using another person's user name and/or password
- c) Download Zip (*.zip) files or executable (*.exe) files
- d) Download illicit material
- e) Use web based E-mail on the School system
- f) Make contact with anyone on the Internet, whose identity is unknown
- g) Run any executable file, or any program capable of affecting the system registry
- h) Run any hacking software, including those searching for files or passwords
- i) Attempt to modify any computer in any way
- j) Abuse copyright, or attempt to pass off downloaded work as their own
- k) Use the dark web or Tor browsers.

Exclusion Policy

A pupil will not be expelled without grave cause. The circumstances which may lead to expulsion (or required removal as an alternative to expulsion) include:

- Supply/Possession/use of certain drugs and solvents or their paraphernalia or substances intended to resemble them
- Alcohol or Tobacco offences
- Theft, blackmail, physical violence, intimidation, racism and persistent bullying
- Offences of a sexual nature; supply and possession of pornography, sexting

- Possession of offensive weapons
- Vandalism
- Computer hacking or serious misuse of the School's ICT Acceptable Use Policy, or the School network or the internet
- Persistent attitudes or behaviour which are inconsistent with the School's ethos, or are detrimental to the School, its staff or other pupils, including those expressed on social media
- Other serious misconduct towards a member of the School community or which brings the School into disrepute (single or repeated episodes) on or off School premises.
- Other Circumstances: A pupil may be required to leave if, after all appropriate consultation, the Head Master is satisfied that it is not in the best interests of the pupil, or of the School, that he/she remains at the School.

Behaviour related to a disability: the School will make reasonable adjustments for managing behaviour which is related to a pupil's disability. Where expulsion needs to be considered, the School will ensure that a disabled pupil is able to present his or her case fully where the disability might hinder this.

A complaint which could lead to a pupil being expelled or required to leave the School permanently will be investigated thoroughly and fairly. The pupil will have an opportunity for the assistance of his/her parents and/or teacher to state his/her side of the case and would also have a right for the decision to be reviewed by a panel of Governors.

A copy of the full policy on expulsion may be obtained from the Deputy Head Master's secretary.

Procedures for Visitors

Downside takes the following steps to ensure that its premises are secure:

1. All Staff and Volunteers wear identity badges at all times. *1
2. 'Visitors' includes all persons arriving on the School site, who are not trustees, governors, members of staff, volunteers (for whom there are separate arrangements), or pupils of the School.
3. All visitors must report to Reception in the Old House of the Main Quad. *2
4. Visitors must display the visitor's badge given, and must sign the visitors' book in Reception.
5. Visitor's badges must be returned to Reception just before departure.
6. Visitors must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. *3
7. Boarding Houses:

The boarding Houses are normally closed to visitors. However, parents visiting their own children in their boarding house may do so after checking in with a member of the House staff, and signing the House visitors' book. Parents are advised to contact the House to inform the House staff of the time they are arriving.

*1 Coloured lanyards are as follows:

- Black - Staff
- Yellow - Contractors
- White - Governors
- Green - Monastic Community / Abbey Staff
- Blue - Residents
- Purple - Volunteers
- Red - Visitors

*2 The only exceptions to this are parents visiting their children in Caverel, Barlow or Isabella Houses, and who are not entering the Main School buildings. Parents visiting these Houses must report directly on arrival to the House staff on duty in the House at the time.

*3 The exception to this is prospective parent visits who are given a school tour by a senior pupil (6th Form). These pupils are briefed by the admissions team. During examination periods or under special circumstances junior pupils may be asked to take a tour. They will normally be in pairs on these occasions.

It is also recognised that there are certain times when parents and other visitors will enter the School without having to wear badges e.g. Match teas, concerts, plays and other such events. On these occasions visitors should remain in the area in which the event is taking place.

It is also important to remember that the start and end of term and at exeats parents/guardians can often be present on site without having to sign in and wear a badge, as they drop off or pick up pupils. Staff and volunteers are asked to be sensitive and polite in questioning those without badges to ascertain who they are and their reason for being on the School site. Concerns should be reported to a member of the SLT.

Pupils are advised never to pass on the School or house entry codes to visitors and, whilst being at all times courteous, they are asked not to allow admittance to people who do not have a School identity badge or are unaccompanied. They should direct such visitors to reception or to a member of staff. If they are at all concerned about an unidentified stranger on the School site, they should report the matter to a member of staff immediately.

LIVING AT DOWNSIDE

'Let none follow what seems good for himself, but rather what is good for another.'

The Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 72.

1. The highest values are love of God and love of neighbour. As 'a school of the Lord's service', Downside is a place where you come to learn and to work. St Benedict tells us that 'idleness is the enemy of the soul': the better the work, the more satisfying your life will be.
2. Gratitude is due to God, who has given us the things of this world for the service of one another and for his glorification. Take pride in keeping the school tidy and clean.
3. Courtesy is expected of everyone at Downside. Respect is due to younger pupils as much as to your elders.
4. Friendliness and respect have long distinguished the relations that exist between adults and pupils at Downside. Downside pupils are particularly noted for the open and spontaneous way in which they greet adults. Everyone at Downside should be addressed with courtesy and with the correct title. 'In that way they will conform to scripture, which says: "They should try to be the first to show respect for each other."' (R St.B.Ch.63 v.17)

The Abbot and the Monks: The Abbot should be addressed in speech as 'Father Abbot' or 'Father'. Monks who are ordained priests are addressed as 'Father N.' or 'Father'. Other monks are addressed as 'Brother N.' or 'Brother'. There is also an old Downside custom amongst pupils of addressing all monks as 'Sir'.

The Academic Staff: Academic Staff should be addressed by their surname and appropriate title, e.g. Dr N., Mr N., Mrs N., Miss N. Alternatively male staff should be addressed as 'Sir' and female staff as 'Ma'am'.

Non-academic staff: The same principles apply to non-academic staff as to academic staff. Nursing staff may be addressed as 'Sister N'.

Pupils: Pupils should normally be addressed by their Christian or Forenames, except when common sense indicates otherwise. Roll-calls are more easily conducted with surnames.

5. If you are seated, you should rise to meet any adult who wishes to speak with you. On stairs and in doorways, you should stand back to allow an adult to pass. Do not run in the corridors because this is not only dangerous but also

threatening to other people.

6. If visitors to the School seem to be lost, be quick to greet them or to offer help. Remember to treat visitors with consideration and friendliness, not only when they are on their own but also when they are in the company of the Head Master or a member of staff. Call to mind Our Lord's words: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'
7. Good manners are especially noticeable when the School is gathered in large numbers at Mass or the Head Master's Assembly, when it forms an audience at debates, in the theatre or on the playing fields.
8. Dressing well is a mark of self-respect and shows consideration for others. Take pride in wearing the school uniform properly.
9. Respect is due to other people's property. Any misuse of others' belongings destroys the trust that is essential for a peaceful community. Always report suspected instances of vandalism or stealing, so that trust can be maintained.
10. Bullying causes serious distress, and is an affront to Our Lord's command 'Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.' If you are being bullied, do not hesitate to turn to others for help: bullying flourishes where there is fear and secrecy.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR CODE

Expected Behaviour at Downside School

Downside School is a community where the welfare of all is protected and promoted. To this end certain standards of behaviour are expected of all pupils in and around the School, and on any School activity or trip. These expectations are promoted and reinforced, within the overall School behaviour policy, by a system of rewards and sanctions.

We expect everyone to:

Show respect for others

- Show good manners, tolerance, regard for authority and for individual privacy
- Celebrate difference and diversity in others
- Show respect for the Catholic religion, the Abbey Church, and for those of different faiths
- Follow and support the School's anti-bullying policy
- Avoid bad language and any behaviour which might cause offence

Strive for self-respect

- Be trustworthy, honest and tell the truth
- Attend and be punctual at all School obligations
- Keep yourself safe and healthy by proper appreciation of risk, by regular exercise and by avoiding harmful substances
- Be self-disciplined and committed
- Take pride in your appearance

Make a positive contribution

- Take pride in your membership of the School and be its ambassador
- Engage with and commit to a wide range of activities
- Think how you can serve the School community
- Participate in decision-making about how the School is run via the School Council or House Councils
- Support activities to help the wider community outside School

Enjoy and achieve at School

- Value achievement
- Take responsibility for your own learning and academic progress

- Help promote a positive learning atmosphere in the classroom and elsewhere
- Develop your own skills and interests by full participation in co-curricular activities
- Prepare yourself for life after School by developing good work habits and social skills

Respect property and the environment

- Respect the property of others
- Look after the fabric and property of the School
- Think 'green' in your attitude to the School and wider environment
- Respect other people's working and living environment by avoiding undue noise
- Avoid dropping litter and pick it up when you find it