



LORD  
WANDSWORTH  
COLLEGE

BOARDING PRINCIPLES  
AND AIMS

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# Boarding Principles and Aims

## **LWC Mission Statement**

LWC is a socially inclusive, co-educational, non-denominational boarding and day Foundation school. We focus on the needs of each individual pupil, while developing in each child a concern for others and a love for and loyalty towards the school community. We ensure that each pupil shapes their values and aspirations within a stimulating and supportive environment and strive constantly to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

We aim to equip pupils with character attributes, passion, resourcefulness, independence, skills, knowledge and qualifications so they become the best possible version of themselves and make great contribution to a changing world.

## **Principles of Boarding at LWC**

A boarding house at LWC is a smaller community within the larger School community. As such it shares the mission, aims and objectives of the whole school, but also defines others for itself.

A school aim is that character be ‘taught’ in addition to being ‘caught’, every aspect of our pastoral and spiritual provision will endeavour to imbue pupils with the following “moral” character attributes - Fairness, Generosity, Empathy, Gratitude and Courage. To provoke and promote learning and achievement we promote Perseverance, Self-control, Engagement, Optimism, Curiosity, and Creativity.

We recognise that boarding is a very different type of life to that experienced by living at home; both have attractions and detractions; both offer differing opportunities but also require concessions. We recognise that every pupil will respond distinctively to the experience and hope that we as a school will be able to cater individually for each pupil’s needs. We also encourage each pupil to appreciate their corporate responsibility to the welfare of the House as a whole, and that it is in the balance between their rights and responsibilities that all our interests will be best served.

Although there will be certain minor differences between the different Boarding Houses we try to ensure that there is as much common ground and parity as possible. Boarders should remember the need for common sense, courtesy and communication at all times.

## **Boarding Aim**

LWC aims to provide a boarding environment where every pupil feels safe and able to be themselves. Through the boarding objectives below, LWC aims to create a culture that puts the child at the centre in order to enable each individual to progress and safeguard pupil wellbeing. This foundation will enable pupils able to develop holistically in addition to academically, culturally, socially and morally.

## **Character Education**

As a school, our primary aim is that Character be ‘taught’ in addition to being ‘caught’. Every aspect of our pastoral and spiritual provision will endeavour to imbue pupils with the following “moral” character attributes: fairness, generosity, empathy, gratitude, loyalty and courage. Learning and achievement will be rewarded in ways that emphasise the qualities of perseverance, self-control, engagement, diligence, optimism, curiosity and creativity.

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## Boarding Objectives

- **I will be courageous in doing what is right**

The community will maintain an atmosphere where positive behaviour and relationships are promoted by ensuring all voices have the chance to be heard.

- **I will respect myself, others and the environment**

The community will provide a safe, supportive environment in which all individuals are able to thrive; by fostering one of trust and mutual support which is relaxing, comfortable and suits the needs of all the boarders.

- **I will encourage others to be who they are**

The community will support and encourage choices and diversity of others. We will preserve the environment where people trust and help one another to become better people by promoting a spirit of teamwork and communal responsibility within the house.

- **I will be aware of and inclusive of others**

The community will promote openness and equal opportunities by celebrating the cultural diversity of the boarding community at LWC and by providing appropriate opportunities and activities to support this.