



The Mall School

The Mall School: *'Bringing out the best in every boy'*

Our mission is to provide an excellent, broad and stimulating education that inspires boys to realise their potential within a safe and nurturing environment.

Our work is based on our core values of a sense of community, passion for what we do and our commitment to setting and achieving the highest standards.

Our school community of pupils, parents and staff works together to bring out the best in every boy. All members of the school community are valued and have a voice in how the experience for our boys can be enhanced. We aim to do this through effective communication which we believe is the key to ensuring that areas for development in the life of the school can be quickly identified and acted on. As a community of teachers, parents and boys we trust, support and encourage one another. We recognise that we are all individuals with different qualities and perspectives and we respect these differences. We demonstrate our commitment to integrity by explaining our decisions openly and by reaching these decisions in a transparent and fair manner. Our strength as a community is that we trust one another to deliver and we work together by drawing on the skills and experience of colleagues.

Our passion for what we do comes from a desire to do the best for the boys in our care. All members of the community are encouraged to strive for excellence. To constantly ask the question is this the best we can do? What can we do to make things even better? In order to achieve this we seek and listen to the views of others and respond positively to feedback. We challenge ourselves to look for ways to improve and motivate and inspire others by leading through example. We look at best practice in other schools and aim at least to match what others are doing. Throughout the school we are positive, enthusiastic and energetic about getting things done and this is demonstrated in the pride we all share in the achievements of the school.

Our commitment to setting and achieving the highest standards is based on our commitment to keep asking what we can do to improve the experience for the boys in our care. Not just the high academic standards the school achieves but also in all other areas of school life. The quality of pastoral care the boys receive, the extra-curricular activities which add to the richness of school life, the physical environment in which they work and play. We are willing to explore new ideas, new ways of doing things and new thinking. We look at best practice not only in the world of education but also in other spheres so we can strive to be the best in what we do. As a school we are adaptable and have the confidence to take action and make difficult decisions.

These core values are supported by our five principles of learning.

Learning to achieve

Specialist teaching and excellent facilities mean that all boys have the opportunity to try a wide range of different activities in and out of the classroom. Boys quickly acquire the basic knowledge and skills which mean they become confident independent learners. The curriculum is broad and designed to appeal to boys. Boys are enthusiastic about learning and our teachers are extremely knowledgeable

and passionate about teaching. Our curriculum includes a broad range of sporting opportunities including physical education in our purpose built sports hall, weekly swimming lessons for all boys in our pool and regular competitive games fixtures where all boys can compete. Our creative curriculum is supported through imaginative teaching and excellent facilities: drama in our 160-seat theatre, art in a spacious studio, design technology in a designated workshop and creative use of information technology in our separate computer suite. We also offer an amazing range of extra-curricular activities including residential trips and after school clubs. When boys start at The Mall we don't know where their talents will lie, so we encourage them to try new things, things that they often don't imagine they can achieve.

Learning to excel

We are non-selective when boys join us at Reception but because of the excellent teaching they receive throughout the school they make extraordinary progress. The school has an impressive track record of boys achieving places in the top day and boarding schools including some of the most academically selective schools in the country. We regularly have boys achieving scholarships to these schools. Not just academic scholarships but awards for sport, music and art. Boys are encouraged to try their best in everything they do. Hard work, determination and perseverance pay off. Success doesn't always come easily, and there may be setbacks along the way, but boys are taught resilience and encouraged never to give up. Our aim is to nurture a lifelong passion to learn.

Learning independence

Boys are taught from an early age to think for themselves. They also learn resilience and how to bounce back from the inevitable setbacks they will encounter. How to understand and learn from failure. They are encouraged to consider and challenge the ideas they are being taught. As they move through the school they are given more responsibility and they learn how to organise themselves. They are taught the soft skills which will make their transition from The Mall to their next school as smooth as possible. In the final two years our leadership programme builds on the skills they have acquired.

Learning creativity

Boys learn how to be creative from the moment they join the school. Superb facilities and excellent teaching enable boys to demonstrate their creativity in a wide range of subjects including music, art, design technology and computing. There is a wealth of creative opportunities available to the boys including school plays, orchestras and activities days. In the classroom boys are encouraged to use their creative thinking skills to solve problems in all areas of the curriculum.

Learning respect for others

There is a sense of community at The Mall and relationships between the boys and staff are excellent. Our excellent pastoral care means that any problems are quickly resolved and boys enjoy coming to school. Boys are taught through The Mall Code the importance of respecting and caring for one another. As they move through the school boys have increased opportunities to lead other boys as house captains, prefects or working on the School's Council. The school's reward systems through house points and credit cards fosters a sense of collective responsibility. Our house system encourages team work and support for one another.