

Rishworth School: Statement of Purpose and Aims

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*At the heart of Rishworth School's philosophy is its motto: **Res Non Verba – Deeds Not Words.***

Rishworth School exists to provide a broad education for boys' and girls' enrichment and enjoyment that is both forward-looking and rooted in traditional academic values.

In particular, we offer:

- a friendly, caring and stimulating environment in which pupils can feel happy, secure and challenged and where we encourage all pupils to achieve their very best
- a wide range of educational opportunities in addition to expert tuition

We are a school with a Christian ethos in the Anglican tradition that welcomes people of all faiths and of none. In nurturing pupils' personal, physical, mental, spiritual, social, cultural and moral growth, we seek to:

- help them make the most of their strengths and address their shortcomings
- find areas in which they can truly excel
- be confident, balanced, considerate and well-mannered
- further their own, and other people's development
- seize the present and prepare for the next stage in their lives
- contribute to society at large

To this end, we ensure that pupils develop:

- a life-long love of learning and a sense of academic curiosity and engagement
- a thirst for excellence and the will to succeed
- a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, purpose, fulfilment and ambition
- a capacity for both self-reliance and co-operation
- the development of the values of a global citizen and an appreciation of the diversity of people, language and culture
- an appreciation of personal virtues and spiritual values, such as honesty, dependability, perseverance, commitment, humility and respect for others

To help us achieve our aims we:

- offer small classes
- work closely with parents/guardians and with support agencies for the betterment of the child
- employ highly skilled and motivated staff who seek to identify and nurture individual learning, talent and ability
- stress to our pupils and their parents/guardians the importance of their own role in the learning process
- meet all pupils' individual learning needs

Whatever their ability, when pupils leave Rishworth School they will be equipped to deal with the challenges that they will face in an increasingly global world, with confidence, respect and courtesy, and have the ability to apply the skills and knowledge that they have learned over the years, to any and every situation.