

# St Christopher's School

A Brighton College School



## ETHOS AND AIMS

This policy applies to EYFS

### Ethos

St Christopher's School is an independent, co-educational preparatory school for day pupils aged four to thirteen years. The School was founded in 1927 in accordance with the principles of Anglican forms of worship. Today, St Christopher's is proud to welcome children of all faiths and of none. It is intended that all our pupils should learn about and respect the values and traditions of different religions and cultures; a wide range of visiting speakers from faith communities visit the School and lead assemblies.

St Christopher's has high academic standards and children are encouraged to aspire for higher things, in accordance with the School Motto. Our pupils regularly win academic scholarships at age 13, but each child is valued and nurtured to help them fulfil their potential, regardless of their academic ability. The breadth of the curriculum seeks to allow pupils to participate in high-quality sports and creative activities. Much importance is placed upon good behaviour and the *Code of Conduct* requires each child to strive to be someone who is trustworthy and responsible. Bullying is not tolerated.

St Christopher's is not insular; it looks out into the wider community and welcomes a range of visitors through its doors. Children are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities, which are designed to contribute to their all-round development.

St Christopher's is a vibrant family school, which is strongly supported by an active Parents' Association.

### Aims

Our primary aim is to give all our pupils a first class academic education within a supportive family environment. We aim to enable pupils to:

- Grow as individuals
- Learn the habits of hard work and careful study
- Learn to take responsibility for their own actions and to consider the welfare of others
- Enjoy discovering and developing their own talents and interests through different curricular and non-curricular activities
- Appreciate the value of self discipline and high standards

- Be prepared in such a way as to enable them to gain places at Brighton College or other appropriate senior schools for the next stage of their education, either via the Common Entrance or scholarship examinations

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