

# All members of the academy community experience 'life in all its fullness'.

Our academy vision is to ensure that all members of our community experience 'life in all its fullness' and live life through our six core values.

At the National Academy, we strive to develop understanding of our six core values, set within a Christian framework, so students may move on in life to contribute positively to the common good of the whole human community and its environment.

Our academy should be a place where:

- young people and adults alike are engaged on a joyful lifetime of learning.
- each person is uniquely valued.
- the gifts, potential and spirituality of everyone in our community are nurtured and developed.
- the academy community is a welcoming place for those of all faiths and none.



### What are our academy's values?

Our values are Achievement, Respect, Charity and Humility: an ARCH, underpinned by the two pillars of Wisdom and Service and held together by the keystone, placing God at the centre of our academy.

As Christians, we believe we have each been given unique talents and abilities and we want everyone in our community to use these as fully as possible: academically, and also in the arts, music and sport.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13)

#### Respect

By respecting others, the environment and ourselves we can help to create a better society.

'Show respect for everyone' (1 Peter 2:17)

#### Charity

This means generosity of spirit: giving our time and energy to others and seeing the potential for good in others.

'Do not forget to do good and to share with those in need' (Hebrews 13:16)

#### Humility

True humility is about greater self-awareness. We admit our limitations, and recognise the strengths and talents of others.

'In humility value others above yourselves' (Philippians 2:3)

#### Wisdom

Wisdom is a way of understanding things, which enables us to see what is true, or right, and to use what we learn unselfishly.

'Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding' (Proverbs 3:13 NIV)

#### Service

For Christians, everything that we do is in service to God. Whether Christians or not, the idea of service should be central to everything we do.

'Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically' (Romans 12:11)

## What is the keystone?

At the National Church of England Academy, it is God as seen in the life of Jesus and as experienced today through the working of the Holy Spirit who is the keystone holding our community together. 'Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise like a person who builds a house on solid rock'. (Matthew 7:24)

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