

# Theology of our school vision

Our school vision is what weaves everything we do in school together. It underpins what makes our school unique. An understanding of our vision will help shape our decisions and actions.

Our vision is grounded in the Bible, which shows us God's big plan for his world and ultimately his never-stopping, never giving-up, always and forever love for his creation (us).

## **'To live life in all its fullness and flourish as God intended.'**

- It is what we were made to do
- Jesus makes it possible
- We want others to be blessed through us

Our desire is for everyone in our school to flourish. There is an open invitation for all, there is no 'them and us' (Galatians 3 v 28). We value and care for everyone. We support the vulnerable.

When we speak about flourishing, it is not just about a 'good life'. A flourishing life is the way the world was meant to be. When God finished creating the world he said it was 'very good' (Genesis 1 v 31). His intention for creation was for it to flourish.

The concept of flourishing within the Christian faith is not only a vision, but also a means. Jesus has provided a heart cure and the renewal of our soul through his death and resurrection (John 3 v 16) that enables us to pursue and experience an abundant life (John 10 v 10).

In the light of this, we give everyone at Davison the opportunity to live an abundant, full and God-shaped life. Proverbs 11 v 18 says 'A life devoted to things is an empty life; a dead stump. A God shaped life is a flourishing tree.'

When we flourish, God is glorified. (Colossians 1 v 16)

When we flourish, it manifests itself as love and service for others. We are blessed to be a blessing to others, through our words and actions. (James 2 v 24)

We recognise that life will be difficult, that there will be times of sorrow, pain and rejection. We also know that this is not the end of the story. The Bible refers to life as a mist, a fast runner and a wisp of smoke. We have a hope that we can all flourish both now and in eternity. (Matthew 6 v 19-21)

## Collective Worship including Colour Time

### Collective worship

Collective worship at Davison offers the opportunity, without compulsion, to all pupils and adults to grow spiritually through experiences of prayer, stillness, worship and reflection. It helps us to appreciate the relevance of faith in today's world, to encounter the teachings of Jesus and the Bible and to develop our understanding of the Christian belief in God.

It creates opportunities for members of our school community to engage in the planning, leading and evaluation of collective worship so that it continues to be a deeply significant aspect of the school day.

Collective worship refers to Year Assemblies, Colour Assemblies, Church Services, Colour Singing, Eucharist Services and Colour Time, which takes place each day.

### What is colour time?

Colour time is for 20mins at the start of each day at Davison CE High School for Girls. It is the primary way in which students and staff explore the Christian message of **hope** as we reflect on what God has done for us through Jesus.

It is a time be **thankful** for all that is good, through celebration, song and prayer.

It is an opportunity to reflect on what we do, why we are doing it and how it might shape our future actions and character.

It is a key time to develop **trusting** relationship, to model and enjoy the **friendship** of others in the form, colour family and year group. It is a place to be real, to admit mistakes and to seek and accept **forgiveness**. It is where students help find a sense of belonging within their colour **family**.

Colour time is co-created by the form tutor and the form group, including form leaders, colour prefects.

Our vision is for a high quality, reflective experience for all students, regardless of year group or colour family.

The delivery style within colour time will vary and creativity is strongly encouraged.

## Links to our school wider vision

Our school vision is that at '**Davison Church of England High School for Girls**, you are free to choose any faith or none, but as a Church school, we want you to **flourish, to live life in all its fullness as God intended.**

We reflect on **what God has done for us through Jesus**. We **model his work through our Christian values.**

'In our school we strive to **reflect these values** in the way we **treat one another, conduct ourselves** and **care for those in our community** and **around the world.**'

To help us live out this vision and to 'enable every member of our school community to flourish as God intended', each colour time, both in form and in our corporate collective worship (assemblies) there will be **clear emphasis on one or more of the following areas** as a **daily act of worship**.

Our current excellent practice, made explicit in the context of our school vision, will fit many of these strands:

**Prayer**

**Exploring the Christian message**

**Exploring our Christian values**

**Reflecting our Christian values**

**How we treat one another**

**How we conduct ourselves**

**How we care for each other and our community**

**How we care for those around the world**

**How we might flourish as God intended**

### Exploring our Christian Values 2020/21

**Friendship** – Green and Yellow

**Trust** – Blue and Red

**Forgiveness and Hope** – Pink and Purple

**Thankfulness** – Orange and White

**Endurance** – Gold and Silver

Collective worship should be:

**Inclusive** – everyone is welcome (make sure they have a tangible sense of welcome).

**Invitational** – opportunities to take an active role in creating and participating.

**Inspiring** – make sure they have opportunities to reflect, respond and take something away