



LeicesterHigh
SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS



Vision for LHS

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Our Vision

Leicester High School has always been ambitious in its aims. This ambition is even greater as we consider our post COVID-19 future.

Providing a first-class all-round education for girls which ensures the best possible start for their future and enables them to be the best they can be is at the very heart of all that we do. Cementing our reputation for this level of service is fundamental to our vision.

To give the highest priority to the quality of our academic provision remains central to the School's ethos. As always, we work tirelessly to develop our reputation for delivering a fully rounded curriculum in both the Junior Department and Senior School. This, coupled with a focus on the highest level of pastoral care, makes us a school that nurtures young women to be the best they can be in terms of achievement and character, enabling our students to flourish in a changing world. These things stand at the very core of who we are at Leicester High School for Girls.

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1) Excellence in Learning and Teaching

To achieve and maintain this, LHS will be a forward-thinking, progressive educator, aiming for high academic performance through inspiring teaching and learning.

LHS will:

- Turn the experiences of COVID-19 into positive learning outcomes for the School
- Develop a vibrant learning culture through a seamless, rich and diverse curriculum, which is regularly reviewed
- Develop our curriculum with creativity and innovation to meet the needs of our students
- Target excellence in educational outcomes for every individual student
- Support each student so that they are able to develop their learning and personal confidence
- Foster a high performance culture in both students and staff
- Ensure LHS recruits staff of the highest possible quality and supports their development and wellbeing
- Ensure LHS has the highest competency in whole-school management
- Develop the School's digital expertise in a way that will benefit our students, parents and members of staff
- Enable the LHS Junior Department to develop the very highest standards by encouraging specialist teaching in areas such as ICT, Science and Sport.

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2) An Outstanding All-round Education

To achieve and maintain this, LHS will continually review our commitment to providing an all-round, holistic education of the highest standards. We provide a varied and inclusive co-curricular programme, which builds confidence, motivates and challenges, encouraging learning and personal development beyond the classroom within a fun context.

LHS will:

- Focus on delivering a truly all-round holistic offer
- Aim to deliver an inspiring extracurricular provision in both our Junior Department and Senior School which will provide our students with a platform to pursue their own interests and talents
- Deliver a broad and balanced co-curricular provision that emphasises participation, extension and support
- Encourage and nurture the students own natural desire to be lifelong learners
- Create a safe, happy and caring environment where students feel confident to take risks and make mistakes as they develop their resilience
- Encourage our students to try new and exciting things, giving them a solid foundation to build on into the future
- Prepare our students to pursue their aspirations and contribute to the world: locally, nationally and globally.

3) A Focus on the Whole Person

Our vision has as its focus the support and nurture of the wellbeing of every member of the LHS community, ensuring the personal growth of each student, developing their self-belief and resilience. Everyone is someone at LHS.

LHS will:

- Ensure that the care and safeguarding of each student is central to all that we do at LHS
- Focus on delivering excellent pastoral care through highly skilled pastoral leaders
- Retain the unique and quirky spirit and ethos that is LHS
- Ensure LHS is a fun place to study
- Adopt a progressive and pro-active approach when viewing students' wellbeing by embedding initiatives to encourage resilience, thus preparing our students for the modern, global world
- Aim to deliver pastoral excellence alongside and with our parents
- Maintain strong links with our parent body
- View our Junior Department and Senior School as one united school which provides a seamless pastoral journey, caring for each student as she grows
- Ensure the continuation of an important tradition of the LHS ethos: discovering fun and joy in School
- Foster an ethos where students and staff learn together, have fun together and work hard together.

4) A School at the Heart of its Community

To achieve this, LHS will foster and develop our altruistic spirit to generate significant benefit for others.

LHS will:

- Be an outward facing school
- Develop close relationships with other educational institutions across the county and beyond for the mutual benefit of all concerned
- Further embrace our commitment to charity
- Focus on diversity and inclusivity as the School makes every attempt to embed equality and global respect
- Develop our bursary activities in line with our charitable status and values
- Connect our alumni more closely with LHS, and seek to engage their energy and talents for the benefit of current students
- Encourage all members of the LHS community to treat everyone with respect and courtesy and demonstrate concern for the needs of others
- Show commitment to the families we serve, providing support, guidance and empathy.

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5) Beyond School Life

LHS aims to prepare all students to excel in life in the modern, global world

LHS will:

- Be a progressive, modern educator, preparing our young people for the varied pathways in life beyond LHS
- Embed relevant personal development programmes for higher education and the world of work
- Adopt a personalised approach to nurturing university preparation
- Develop breadth in both our taught curriculum and extracurricular programme to allow our students to achieve their goals
- Provide relevant and purposeful careers advice, enabling students to be as fully prepared as possible.

6) Building the School Reputation

Further develop an irresistible 'boutique' school provision for our students that enables it to enjoy an enviable and significant reputation

LHS will:

- Commit to the development of an outstanding Junior Department that enjoys the benefits of the whole-school facilities
- Enable students who wish to attend LHS to do so whenever possible
- To engage innovatively with leading local institutions, organisations and partners in programmes that enrich the opportunities on offer at LHS
- Market LHS with self-assurance and ambition as the first choice day school in Leicestershire

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