

## **Equality and Diversity Statement**

The ethos of this College is based firmly on Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and we constantly strive to create a positive experience of a Christian Community.

We accept the fundamental human dignity and equality of each individual and we aim to encourage understanding, tolerance, self-respect and respect for others throughout our community.

Any demonstrations of verbal, written or behavioural abuse towards an individual or group based on the following characteristics are totally unacceptable - race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender reassignment, religion and belief, civil partnership and marriage, pregnancy and maternity.

We intend to work together as a community to become more aware of any attitudes reflecting prejudice or inequality which may exist within the College.

Our policy is to develop a commitment by all staff and students to support one another in challenging prejudice and discrimination wherever it occurs.

We intend to educate ourselves to respect and value **diversity** and to identify and challenge stereotypes which deny equal opportunity.

We aim through all that we do to:

- Provide opportunities for all members of the college community to achieve their potential.
- Help one another to become confident and secure in a rapidly changing world and to achieve a positive sense of our own worth.
- Advance and develop positive attitudes towards the diverse and multi-ethnic society in which we live.
- Foster within our community the desire to bring the Christian values of love and justice to bear on all aspects of our work and relationships.

