



BATTLE ABBEY SCHOOL STRATEGY

Introduction

1. This Strategy is owned by the Governors of Battle Abbey School with input from the School's Senior Leadership Team (SLT). It states the school aims (those things that underpin the ethos and the very nature of the school), and provides a vision of what the school will be in the future together with the strategic priorities in achieving that vision. It provides the direction needed to enable the Governors and SLT to develop a strategic plan and ensures that the detailed development plans that result and are enacted by the SLT are coherent with the long-term goals of the School.

School Aims

2. Battle Abbey School's size creates a caring and supportive family environment, in which a strong community of both pupils and staff focus on the importance, wellbeing, and potential of each individual child. Embracing continuous improvement, it provides high quality pastoral care and sensitive discipline, allowing excellent academic outcomes. Located in a unique historical setting, the School's rich past and many of its traditions are based on Christian values but importantly, the School welcomes students from all faiths and none. The Governors regard the safeguarding of children as paramount in the school and work to ensure that this is reflected in all elements of school life. Specific aims are:

- To inspire pupils to maximise their potential in all they undertake; to acknowledge and reward the achievements of each individual according to their aptitudes and interests.
- To promote balanced social development through sensitive pastoral care within our structured day and boarding community.
- To prepare pupils for life after School by providing an all-round education in which pupils of all ages are valued as individuals and develop the self-respect, self-confidence and empathy for the needs and desires of others that will enable them to contribute positively to our changing world.
- To continue to develop the facilities and resources of the school to ensure that they underpin the achievement of the School's aims and objectives.

School Vision

3. Battle Abbey School will remain one of the best small independent family schools in the country offering academic excellence together with exceptional pastoral care and personal development to its pupils. This will include the promotion of soft skills, the breadth of opportunities for students and by developing the best possible environment in which to prepare students for life beyond the Abbey.

Strategic Priorities

4. The Governors gave direction¹ that, having ensured financial security, the resulting strategic objectives are,

in order of priority:

- Maintaining exceptional pastoral care where safeguarding is paramount.
- Achieving and maintaining Academic Excellence.
- Providing suitable and appropriate teaching, pastoral and then sporting facilities for the school.

¹ Full Court Meeting 9 June 2022