

Values and Ethos

Our vision is to provide an outstanding quality of education, dedicated to **academic and character excellence**, underpinned by the inclusive Christian values of **love, hope and trust**. We are committed to seeing **'transformation for all'**: we want all young people, of all faiths and none, to be **'transformed by the renewing of their minds'** (Romans 12:2) through learning, and to live **'life in all its fulness'** (John 10:10). Above all, students will **realise their God-given potential** and ensure they have the ambition, confidence, cultural capital and employability skills to be **successful in their future university and professional career**. They will **genuinely celebrate equality and diversity** as benchmarks for a just, liberating and thriving society.

Our Vision

We are a community of transformation founded on the inclusive Christian values of love, hope and trust. We are 'transformed by the renewing of our minds' through learning (Romans 12:2) so that we can flourish in our academic education and in our character development. We realise our God-given potential and purpose by offering our gifts and talents (Romans 12:6-8) through service towards one another. We celebrate justice, equality and diversity so that we all can live 'life in all its fulness' (John 10:10).

TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL

A community of transformation founded on Love, Hope and Trust.

Be not conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

LOVE

Love one another warmly and be eager to show respect for one another. (Romans 12:10)

Our LOVE values each person and the gifts they bring; it encourages all to participate in building a school community in which all can flourish.

HOPE

Our HOPE means that we expect the best of ourselves and others; it enables perseverance in the face of setbacks and encourages the fresh starts that come from forgiving ourselves and others.

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. (Romans 12:12)

TRUST

In Christ, we are many parts of one body and we all belong to each other. (Romans 12:5)

Our TRUST encourages us to rely on God, and one another, as we all take responsibility for ourselves and for the whole school community.

Our **LOVE** values each person and the gifts they bring; it encourages all to participate in building a school community in which all can flourish.

At St Mark's we:

Help one another

Service

Care for each other

Kindness

Respect everyone

Respect

Our **HOPE** means that we expect the best of ourselves and others; it enables perseverance in the face of setbacks and encourages the fresh starts that come from forgiving ourselves and others.

At St Mark's we:

Forgive ourselves and others

Forgiveness

Persevere to overcome challenges

Perseverance

Listen to the views of others

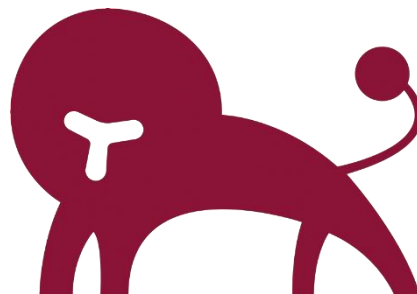
Openness

Our **TRUST** encourages us to rely on God, and one other, as we all take responsibility for ourselves and for the whole school community.

The Symbol of the Lion

In the Gospel of Mark, the writer Mark describes St John the Baptist's voice (which witnesses said sounded like a roaring lion) crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way for Jesus' ministry, and Mark himself helped deliver the Gospel message to people with boldness, like a lion. So people began associating Saint Mark with the lion.

The lion symbolises courage, strength and leadership. At St Mark's, we are courageous in heart, strong in our faith and leaders in the community through service.



Our Local Christian Community

We are proud members of the Diocese of Southwark <https://southwark.anglican.org/>

With strong links with our local Church St Mark's Church in Mitcham <http://www.stmarksmitcham.org.uk/>