

# Statement of guiding principles for The Bulmershe School: **Teaching, Learning and Curriculum**

## **Headline statement**

We are a school where everyone matters and our objective is to enable all students to achieve their full potential through the provision of teaching that is good (or better), in a stimulating learning environment, and through a curriculum that has a broad range of choices to meet the needs of all students whatever their aptitude or ability.

## **Our aims for teaching**

We aim to provide teaching that enables students to fulfil their individual potential, to maximise achievement and raise their aspirations. Therefore:

- all teaching should be good or better (as defined by Ofsted)
- teaching should be personalised to meet the needs and abilities of all students
- exciting, inspirational and challenging teaching strategies should be used.

## **Our aims for learning**

We aim to provide learning to build on students' interests and abilities and develop the skills needed for life-long learning. Therefore:

- students should gain the knowledge, skills and understanding to enable them to achieve their potential
- learning should go beyond the classroom and provide opportunities for students to become independent and reflective learners, and to develop personal and social skills to enable them to succeed in the real world.

## **Curriculum**

The curriculum will provide a broad range of academic and vocational choices to suit the needs and abilities of all students.

In addition, it should promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students. It will include impartial advice and guidance to ensure that subject choices are made on the basis of ability to succeed.

Enrichment activities within and beyond the curriculum will enable students to develop existing interests and explore new ones and provide opportunities to develop life skills needed for the future.

## **Accountability**

Teachers are accountable for the progress of students. The school's Senior Leadership Team is responsible for ensuring that the aims above are met.

The Headteacher will ensure that the governing body is given regular and thorough briefing reports on student achievement, subject performance and the quality of teaching.

Governors are responsible for providing challenge and support to the school staff, to ensure that the aims set out above are achieved. They are also responsible for setting the strategic direction to ensure the continued improvement of The Bulmershe School.