



Aims of the School

As part of the ministry of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral, and in our unique relationship with Winchester College, Pilgrims' is a unique and leading boys' prep school with a Christian ethos. The School itself was founded in 1931, however we build on an ancient foundation of centuries of education on this site. We aim to recruit boys who will best make use of what we offer, and who will contribute most towards it. Open to boys of any race and religious background, and with a happy blend of boarders and day boys, our aim is to develop the special character of each Pilgrim.

We aim to encourage each boy to use his mind well, to make wise judgments, to appreciate beauty, to be creative, to value and develop his faith, to be able to appreciate and support the needs of others, to be able to discriminate between good and better, between right and wrong, to understand that with privilege (economic, intellectual, physical) comes the responsibility to be kind, and, collaborating with others, to contribute to the world he will inherit. On the day he puts on his leaver's tie, courtesy, decency, honesty, curiosity, independence of mind, aptitude for hard work, eloquence and articulacy, a genuine and real love of learning, and propensity to happiness will characterise the successful Pilgrim.

Our aim is to develop the full potential of each Pilgrim, whether that be academic, musical, sporting, artistic, dramatic, environmental, charitable and/or in some other field. We help boys to find their passions through wide and varied experiences at the School and to help them nurture them. Using the full opportunities provided by our skilled and dedicated staff and excellent facilities, enriched by our ethos, history and setting, we seek to maximise the progress of all Pilgrims in all areas of the curriculum, co-curriculum and extra-curriculum, to produce the highest achievement, and to encourage the quest for, and enjoyment of, a life-long pursuit of excellence.

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Headmaster
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