



Ethos and Values Statement

Our school vision reads:

“Brentside High School challenges all to achieve excellence as lifelong learners with the highest expectations of themselves and others. No exceptions, no excuses.”

We believe that every child can achieve their full potential, and our staff team are committed to enabling this. We recognise that excellence is personal and specific to each individual and we celebrate a wide range of academic, practical and personal achievements.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure that our students have access to a breadth of knowledge and understanding and to high quality, well-respected qualifications, whilst ensuring the flexibility to enable additional support where appropriate. The breadth of our curriculum enables our students to progress onto the next stage of their journey in education, employment or training with confidence, creativity, skill, knowledge and understanding.

‘Learning and Achieving Together’

Our motto, 'learning and achieving together', encapsulates our approach at Brentside. We believe that every member of our school community contributes to our success and that learning is collaborative. We are an inclusive school, supporting students of all abilities. We seek to develop students' sense of responsibility and community and provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills, confidence and contribution both through the curriculum, for example in citizenship lessons, and also beyond the curriculum, through the enrichment opportunities students have, as well as the whole school Applied Learning days where students' cultural capital, knowledge and experiences are enhanced.

Our school community is rich and diverse, and we represent a wide range of cultures, beliefs and experiences and gain from each other's contributions. We speak 67 languages between us and our student diversity is matched by our staff diversity, including in leadership positions. Our students' attendance is above national, reflecting their enjoyment and commitment to our school. We provide a positive learning environment where students feel safe, learning is vibrant, and relationships are excellent. The exceptional care, guidance and support our staff team provide are recognised well beyond the school.

The staff and young people in our school community are what make Brentside special, but we are also supported by excellent facilities, including many IT suites, science laboratories, art studios (including a dark room,) a fitness suite and a full-size AstroTurf pitch.

Core Values: REACH

At Brentside, **our core values** guide everything we do:

Respect – We value and support each other, embracing diversity and kindness.

Excellence – We strive for the highest standards in everything we do.

Achievement – We celebrate success in all its forms, both inside and outside the classroom.

Citizenship – We develop responsible, engaged, and proactive members of society.

Happiness – We create a positive, safe, and enjoyable learning environment for all.