MISSION STATEMENT, ETHOS & VALUES

'Practise to Perfect'

Our school motto is 'Practise to Perfect' because we believe that the only way someone succeeds is by having a clear idea of what they are aiming for; focusing on how to achieve it and putting in the work, no matter how difficult it might seem to start with. That applies as much to writing an essay or constructing an experiment as it does to playing the violin or learning your lines.

We want **'every student to be able to access a university course or a professional career'**. That is not necessarily a career as a 'professional' such as a doctor, teacher or vet, but a career that will definitely take them somewhere and they have a professional attitude toward.

We want to prepare students for life and to equip them to access the opportunities it offers. So, just as importantly, we want Kingsmead students and our colleagues to display and develop the following personal values.

COURAGE: Aiming beyond our comfort zone, facing difficult challenges and doing things the right way, not just the quick way

NURTURE: Believing everybody gets better by taking one step at a time and that it is our responsibility to find ways to help each other to do that

COLLABORATION: Believing that working together lightens any burden and opens us to new ways of thinking

RIGOUR: Thinking things through and working hard to ensure that we are delivering on the right things all of the time