

## **Statement of Boarding Principles & Practices**

## **Our Mission:**

To provide a safe and stimulating learning environment which maximises individual potential and ensures every student is well equipped to meet future challenges.

Abbey College Manchester aims to follow our mission statement by providing boarding students with facilities and care of the highest standard to enable them to thrive in their academic studies and in the wider life of the college. Our boarding is based on mutual respect for all members of the community.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our boarders is of paramount importance to us. Our boarders benefit from a safe and secure environment in which they can develop the skills required to live independently whilst being part of the boarding community. Each boarder benefits from the constant and consistent support given by our boarding team. The approach is individual-centred, supporting each student by addressing their individual needs. Each individual has the right to work and relax, free from intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying. Boarders and staff acknowledge the right of each person's privacy.

Boarders are encouraged to develop responsibility for themselves and for others, gaining leadership qualities and contributing to an environment which promotes tolerance of, and respect for, others and British values. There is equality of opportunity for all boarders, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. All boarders are actively encouraged to join in with activities from our enrichment programme and the recreational social calendar. All boarders should be enabled to develop spiritually, culturally, morally and socially during their time at the college.

We operate boarding in compliance with the National Minimum Standards for boarding schools and exceed those standards wherever possible. In March 2023 as part of our Independent School Inspection the boarding residence was assessed in relation to the National Minimum Standards and were in compliance.