

Our **Vision** - our guide for life's journey



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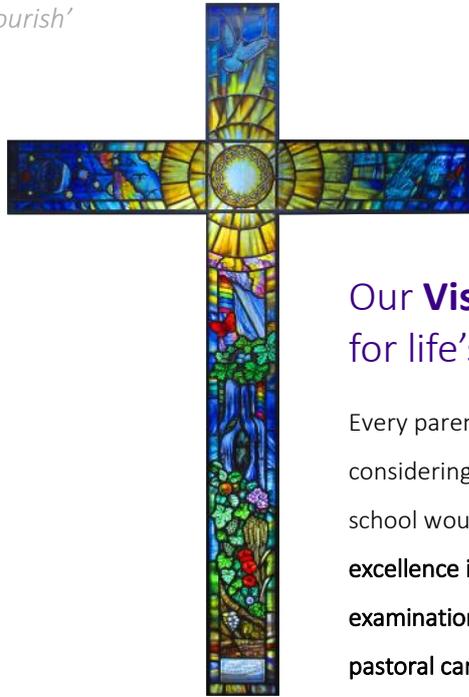
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'Every pupil is encouraged to flourish'

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Every parent/carer and child when considering their choice of secondary school would rightly expect:

excellence in teaching, impressive examination results, experienced pastoral care and high standards of discipline to be a given. At St Hilda's this is certainly the case, but the ability to help students realise their full potential and develop a quality of character that prepares them for life's challenges requires a more thoughtful approach to education; an approach born out of a passionate belief that there is no limit to what St Hilda's students can achieve. **But what drives this belief?**



Mrs Jo Code
Headteacher

Welcome to *St Hilda's*



Our Vision

A devotion to our Christian values is what drives this belief. Our **Vision** contains five values that underpin everything we do:

*We are the St Hilda's family, with **Jesus Christ** as our **cornerstone** (Ephesians 2:20).*

*Building on foundations of **wisdom, hope, community, dignity and equality**, we nurture and support one another to be our very best. We rejoice in our diversity and celebrate our many achievements.*

We believe these five Values; **wisdom, hope, community, dignity and equality**, help nurture positive, respectful relationships and instil a confidence that inspires our students to grow in faith, act with personal integrity and embrace learning. As a result, aspirations are high and our achievements are many. We cherish these Values because they help make us who we are and, more importantly, enable us to make a difference no matter what the challenge!

And that is why St Hilda's is unique!

'The excellent pastoral and academic support arising from the Christian belief in the worth of every individual means that all are nurtured, supported and managed with compassion and attention.'

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Our Vision

'Pupils feel safe and valued for who they are.'

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Our **place** - an environment in which to flourish

Within our modern, purpose built school in the leafy setting of Sefton Park your child will find a safe, healthy, relaxed and happy learning environment in which they can develop intellectually, physically and morally. The school's excellent facilities include an extensive library, impressive science laboratories, fully equipped IT, music, drama, dance suites, and a dedicated sports centre with outdoor astro-pitch. All of this provides an exciting world in which students can excel, no matter where their interests lie. These facilities help our students achieve across all subjects and play a crucial role in our excellent results. Also, our beautiful chapel and extensive assembly hall are wonderful environments in which to gather in prayer and share our achievements.



Our *place*





Our **family** - outstanding teaching and pastoral support

At the very centre of what makes St Hilda's unique is our excellent staff, both teaching and support staff. As headteacher, I am immensely proud of them. Our passionate teachers ensure lessons are lively, stimulating and inclusive, with plenty of opportunities for collaborative learning so students fully appreciate the value of effective teamwork – a crucial skill in the world of work. Without our dedicated support staff the school simply would not function.

We are all important parts of the St Hilda's family.

When choosing a school for my own children, I looked for a school where they would be happy, challenged to think hard and to be the best they could. At St Hilda's we support our students to develop through a highly structured personal development programme, with dedicated pastoral teams. Teaching and learning is at its most effective when students feel supported and valued.

'The distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Hilda's as a Church of England school are outstanding.'

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Our *family*

'You have created a caring and nurturing culture.'

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Our **enrichment** - the world of work demands more than just academic ability

Our enrichment programme helps students to develop those skills vital for life and work. Our students have many opportunities to develop their skills, leadership and resilience. All students contribute to the running of the school through our School Parliament. Students are leaders of their Houses too, bringing the whole school together as one St Hilda's family.

- Student leaders**
- Sporting activities and competitions**
- Choirs and orchestra**
- Cultural visits**
- Homework clubs**
- International travel**
- Music instrument lessons**
- Duke of Edinburgh Award**
- Bee keeping**
- Hoby UK Leaders**
- School Parliament**
- Bar National Mock Trials**
- First Aid qualification**



Our enrichment



Our **curriculum** - designed to give students a competitive edge

Our curriculum is broad and balanced and underpins high quality teaching, learning and educational achievement. Our curriculum reflects the aspirations of our students and the world of work. Subjects that provide the right choices and pathway and prepare our students for future challenges and success.

We want our students to leave with knowledge and skills that will prepare them well for life.

Our students will:

- experience a broad, deep and knowledge-rich curriculum, without limits;
- be orate, literate and numerate;
- have high expectations for their own behaviour and achievement, and that of others;
- build their character in a Christian community;
- have opportunities to broaden their cultural experiences, both inside and outside the classroom;
- develop secure foundations for progression.

'Prayer is a natural part of school life. Each day ends with a reflection time.'

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Our *curriculum*



Brodie House champions *wisdom*

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Brodie House. Our house is a fabulous community in which all of the students look out for each other and support each other.

Brodie House champions **wisdom** because being wise means you are more likely to consider the bigger picture, to listen, to ask the right questions and make the right decision and judgement at the right time for the right reason. Considering the big picture is why we chose Elpitha Hope UK as our House charity. Elpitha Hope UK is a charity established to bring hope and humanitarian relief primarily in Greece.

Mr Deane

*Mr Deane,
Head of Brodie House
with the House Captains*



'Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.' ARISTOTLE



John Alexander Brodie

He began his professional career in 1875 working in Liverpool Mersey Docks as a Civil Engineer. Brodie served as the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers and was the first local authority engineer to receive the accolade. Throughout his career he accomplished many great things. From the suggestion for the first ring road in the UK, which was here in Liverpool, to his personal favourite, the invention of the goal net which is still used in football today. However, we cannot forget Brodie's greatest engineering achievement, The Mersey Tunnel. At the time of its construction, it was the world's largest underwater road tunnel, a title held for 24 years. John Brodie should inspire all of our students at St Hilda's to strive for greatness and work hard to achieve their dreams.

"Wisdom isn't about how clever you are, but about using every opportunity to learn and to try to do the right thing."

Danika Hale
student

Our *wisdom*

Walker House champions *hope*

I would like to welcome you to Walker House. We believe the house system gives students an increased sense of community, being part of a family within a larger family. Within the house system we are able to celebrate our students' achievements in and out of school.

Walker House champions **hope** because hope helps you to maintain a positive outlook. Hope affords you a determination to face adversity. It breeds confidence and is a route to happiness. This is why we chose the Anthony Walker Foundation as our House charity. The Anthony Walker Foundation is a charity which is tackling racism, supporting those experiencing hate crime and building safer, stronger, thriving places to live.

Mr Martin

*Mr Martin,
Head of Walker House
with the House Captains*



“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” DESMOND TUTU



Gee Walker

When her son Anthony was brutally murdered in a vicious attack, the local community in Liverpool was united in anger. Gee found the courage to forgive his killers. She has since established a foundation to promote racial harmony and assist efforts to turn lives around in the community. At a time of tension in pockets of society, Gee offers her heartfelt and life-affirming message about forgiveness, and above all, hope. Gee talks about the power of forgiveness, learning to cope with loss, and using the tragedy to make a positive difference.

“The value of hope serves to remind us that even though we may have dark times, we can be sure that things will be better in the end.”

Isaac Butland
student

Our *hope*

Wilkinson House champions *community*

Wilkinson House champions **community** because being part of a community is a fundamental aspect of being human. Whether it's your local community or society in general, working together and caring for each other delivers progress and provides hope for the future. This is why our house charity is South Liverpool Foodbank. We are proud to be part of the south Liverpool community and feel privileged to support families and individuals who need our help - just like Kitty Wilkinson showed us.

Mr Washington

*Mr Washington,
Head of Wilkinson House
with the House Captains*



"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." HELEN KELLER



Catherine 'Kitty' Wilkinson

The patron of Wilkinson House, is Catherine 'Kitty' Wilkinson (1786 – 1860), an Irish migrant, "wife of a labourer", who became known as the Saint of the Slums. In 1832, during a cholera epidemic, she had the only boiler in her neighbourhood, so she invited those with infected clothes or linens to use it, thus saving many lives. She is the only women to be commemorated with a statue in St George's Hall, one that exemplifies her 'can do', fearless attitude to adversity.



"You are always stronger as a team. An individual is never as efficient and beneficial as a community."

Cameron Aiken
student

Our *community*

Aspinall House champions *dignity*

Aspinall House champions **dignity** because dignity, although difficult to define, relates to self-worth, privacy, and respect and manifests itself in an individual's controlled behaviour. It also defines how we treat others. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity. This is why our house charity is Zoë's Place, Liverpool. Zoë's Place Trust is a registered charity providing palliative, respite and end-of-life care to babies and infants aged from birth to five years suffering from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions.

Mr Cummings

*Mr Cummings,
Head of Aspinall House
with the House Captains*



'No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.' ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



Margaret Aspinall CBE

Margaret Aspinall CBE - The chairwoman of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, whose son James died in 1989. Margaret is an inspiration to us all. Even when it seemed like the whole of the establishment was against her and the families, they fought and they fought until they achieved justice. To suffer the loss that Margaret and the dozens of families did is the worst nightmare for any family, but to have to wait more than 20 years to clear the names of their loved ones who died is unimaginable. The whole country has seen how they have carried the fight with dignity, with a refusal to give up on the truth. She truly is a woman of dignity.

“Dignity means to respect people and not be mean to them, no matter how silly they can be and... treat them how you would like to be treated. For me, this is dignity.”

Charlie Foulkes
student

Our *dignity*



Roscoe House champions *equality*

Roscoe House champions **equality**.

Our students chose this value as it reflected what they see as important.

For a society to function fairly and for the benefit of all its citizens, everyone needs to have the same rights, opportunities and freedom of expression regardless of their race, religion, gender, beliefs, opinion, appearance, disability or socio-economic background. This is why we chose World Vision as our house charity. World Vision believes that by working together with children, their communities, and their supporters and partners, the lives of the world's most vulnerable children can be transformed.

Miss McGhee

*Mr McGhee,
Head of Roscoe House
with the House Captains*



"I believe in equality for everyone." MAHATMA GHANDI



William Roscoe

Roscoe House is proudly named after the inspiring Liverpool politician, William Roscoe (1753-1831). William Roscoe was an outstanding example of a self-made scholar and polymath. He was a writer and poet, historian, banker and lawyer and it was with great determination and courage that he put his knowledge to good use. Alongside his like-minded peers, he played a significant part in abolishing the slave trade, on which the prosperity of Liverpool was based. He was a voice for the voiceless who was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in.

“Treat people the same.”

Kevin O'Donovan
student

Our equality

'They enjoy their learning, and feel safe and comfortable in school.'

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Our **journey** - a preparation for life

St Hilda's is a happy place where young people are given the support and encouragement they need to flourish and achieve their full potential. And, whilst academic achievements are incredibly important, students are also challenged to develop their personal beliefs and attitudes, and encouraged to develop a clear and ambitious vision for their future. This results in highly educated, motivated, ambitious and well-rounded individuals who are guided by their values and compassion towards others. They embody the school's 5 Values and fulfil our Vision. They will have the potential to make a positive contribution to society.

Our sixth form, St Hilda's College, is the natural choice for over 80% of students, but all students are supported on their pathway and remain part of the St Hilda's family.



BBC Bitesize Event
Career pathway into
the creative arts





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*'The school is
rightly proud of
its welcoming,
inclusive Christian
foundation.'*

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