



## King Edward's School, Birmingham

### Aims and ethos

#### The school's aim

*'Our aim is to make available to the widest possible range of able boys an educational experience that is the richest, most diverse, and most exciting possible in an atmosphere that provides support, encouragement and care for everyone, pupils and staff, here. We want our pupils to love coming here and to go from here prepared for all that human life has to offer.'*

In order to achieve this aim and to remain true to our historic purpose, the school sets out to be:

- **an academic school**
- **an intellectual school**
- **a human school**
- **a local school and a global school**

**An academic school:** we have the highest academic standards and performance, so that we are recognised as the best academic school in region and a school of national academic reputation.

**An intellectual school:** this means that success in public examinations is a necessary, but not sufficient, condition for success. The school must encourage the exploration of the world beyond learning and preparation for exams. This involves the generation of curiosity and the provision of a breadth of intellectual experience and the intellectual life is not confined to study in the classroom.

**A human school:** this means that our education allows them to develop in physical as well as human terms, to be active and serve others in a variety of ways, to find some things that make life worth living, to form relationships, to understand and respect and care for each other, to be ready for the life beyond school and university.

**A local and global school:** this school is one of the most socially and ethnically diverse independent schools in this country and it one of the very few schools in Birmingham that comes close to reflecting the social diversity of the city. In such an unusual context, we must want our boys to know their own community, to be involved in their own community and to want

to serve it. However, we must also ensure that we use the scale of our links with that wider world through families to alumni to offer our boys a wide experience of the world in which they will live.

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