

Benenden aims to give each girl A Complete Education in which she realises her academic potential, grows as an individual and is well prepared for life beyond school. A Complete Education is the combination of a focus on academic achievement, personal development and engendering a firm understanding of the world in which we live. Above all, we want girls to relish all that life in a boarding school has to offer, to enjoy her learning, develop intellectual curiosity and be ambitious, whilst learning to achieve balance in her life.

In all that we do at Benenden, we foster the need to value oneself and others. In so doing, we expect each girl to be a responsible and considerate citizen and we support her to grow into a confident, positive young woman. By emphasising the importance of spiritual and personal growth, we help her to develop self-knowledge, to become outward looking, courageous and compassionate, so that she will be inspired to make a difference both to our school community and throughout her life for the benefit of others.

We achieve this by providing:

- An inspiring, challenging and relevant curriculum delivering strong academic outcomes and a sense of personal wellbeing.
- Excellent and motivating teaching designed to encourage girls to become independent, enquiring and critical thinkers.
- An extensive co-curricular programme that complements the academic curriculum and is infused with a wide variety of enjoyable cultural, spiritual, social, sporting, creative activities.
- A framework of support which contributes to personal, moral and emotional development which helps guide the girls towards achieving balance within their busy lives.
- The experience of learning to understand other people, working and living together within our boarding community, appreciating diversity and understanding compromise.
- A culture of encouragement, opportunity and challenge designed to develop resourcefulness, reflectiveness, resilience and confidence.
- A wide variety of opportunities for leadership and collaboration.
- Guidance designed to help every girl achieve her own personal goals, equipped with the requisite skills for university and professional life.
- A close partnership with parents so that school and home can work together to help every girl make the most of her time at Benenden.

The four guiding values underpinning our work are the constant reinforcement of **confidence, compassion, courage and courtesy.**