

Our Ethos

Bexley Grammar School

The school community of Bexley Grammar School is guided by 3 key principles: '**Empathy, Intellect and Courage**'.

As a new member of our school, it is important that you understand what these values mean *and* how to demonstrate them within your time at BGS.

The link [here](#) has prerecorded instructions to help you with this task.

EMPATHY means...

The ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in that person's situation.

This means that you are able to listen to others and consider how they may be feeling. This is a key skill as it allows you to recognise and understand each other's strengths and weaknesses and develops the inclusive and accepting community we have at BGS.

This means that we...

- ★ **accept** each other for who we are.
 - ★ **listen** to each other and accept that we may have different opinions
 - ★ **care** about each other's feelings
 - ★ **are respectful** to each other.
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INTELLECT means...

The ability to understand and to think in an intelligent way.

Your role as a student is to engage with your teachers and the ideas that are being taught in your lessons. You do this by showing interest in each of your subjects. Showing intellect means that you put effort into developing your understanding of ideas and can explain them in your own words.

This is a key skill as it allows you to make progress in your subjects.

This means that we...

- ★ **ask questions** when we're not sure, to develop our knowledge.
- ★ **work** to the best of our ability.
- ★ **learn** from our mistakes.

COURAGE means...

The ability to use your mental and moral strength to persevere in difficult situations.

This can sometimes make you feel nervous or worried, which are natural feelings to have. At Bexley Grammar School, we ask that you use your courage to try something new and challenge yourself to be your best.

This means that we can use our courage to...

- ★ **put our hands up** in class to answer a question.
- ★ **seek help** from a member of staff if we are worried or concerned.
- ★ **try our best** as we begin new subjects for the first time.
- ★ **make new friends.**

Your task...

This task should take you a maximum of 20 minutes to complete. You may find it helpful to write a draft first and then make a neat copy.

Create an acrostic poem for one of the words in our school ethos on a sheet on A4 paper. [An acrostic poem is a poem where each letter of the word starts the sentence](#). It does *not* need to rhyme but the ideas mentioned should link to the word that you have chosen.

- 1) Make the first letter of your line a big capital and maybe write this in a different color.
- 2) Then use your best handwriting to complete the sentence.
- 3) You should then add some colour and be ready to bring it into school on your first day in September.

Curious students look into new classrooms on their first day at Bexley Grammar School.

Older students help the new year 7s find their way to lessons.

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