



SILVERHILL SCHOOL

The School Community

The School community is part of a larger community. Links between the School and the local community enhance both the quality of life and learning experienced by both communities.

The following extracts are taken from the School Aims and can all be fostered by close links with the community:

Pupils

- To develop in pupils a positive attitude towards themselves and others with a strong sense of self respect. Also to develop a sense of respect for other people's property, ideas and beliefs irrespective of gender, race, disability or academic achievement, etc.
- To appreciate human achievements, failures and aspirations.
- To develop positive attitudes towards and concern for the environment.

Curriculum

- To offer a broad-based curriculum in order to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, promote enjoyment in learning and to provide skills to equip students for work and leisure as active, confident and responsible members of a rapidly developing society.

Community

- To develop a school community which affords equal value to all its members, is seen to be just and encourages mutual respect, concern for others and truthfulness.
- To foster close relationships between the School, pupils' homes and the community.

The following are just some of the ways in which links are made with the community.

- The Headteacher, supported by the secretary and bursar, is responsible for press releases that concern the School and especially the achievements of its pupils and staff.
- Pupils often enter competitions organised locally and nationally.
- We raise money for charities, usually in response to a speaker who has visited the School.
- The Christmas Fayre is a special event and many members and organisations from the local community have taken part. Local businesses also donate prizes for raffles.
- We respect and value our local surroundings.
- Local people come into the School to take special assemblies.
- At Christmas the parents, pupils and staff make up parcels which are distributed at home and abroad. We always invite our local senior citizens to attend drama performances and concerts.
- We hold Open Mornings each year. The press and local people are invited to attend.
- Other arrangements exist with local scouts and cubs; also a football club.
- The School is used in the holidays for SCAMP play scheme. This is for Silverhill children aged 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7. SCAMP is run by our own staff, sometimes helped by students.