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The Statutes of the UCS Foundation

1. promote the education of children by the provision of a school or schools
2. achieve academic excellence through the encouragement of intellectual curiosity, breadth of study and independence of mind
3. promote principles of liberal scholarship
4. with no regard to race or creed, to foster a sense of community alongside an acceptance of and a respect for the individual
5. no formal religious observance at the School, or any communal acts of worship

The Ethos of the UCS Foundation

UCS was founded to promote the Benthamite principles of liberal scholarship and education. That remains our first and over-riding aspiration. Intellectual curiosity, creativity, breadth of study and independence of mind combine to achieve academic excellence; they are not subordinate to it.

Selecting children with no regard to race or creed, UCS fosters in them a sense of community alongside an acceptance of and a respect for the individual. By offering the fullest range of opportunities for personal development and for group endeavour, it teaches the importance of wellbeing, the value of commitment and the joy of achievement. It is a place of study, but also of self-discovery and self-expression; a school that places equal value on learning with others as on learning from others.

The Aims of the UCS Foundation

University College School seeks to impart or provide:

1. A distinctively kind and respectful environment that values diversity, promotes self-awareness and respects every individual in a safe and supportive community.
2. An academic education that stimulates, enriches and informs.
3. Preparation for the world beyond UCS from a foundation of attitudes, attributes, skills and knowledge.
4. A varied experience beyond the classroom that encourages creativity and aspiration and develops the individual talents of every child.
5. Opportunities for all members of UCS within the local, national and global communities of which it is a part to recognise, and respond to, their own responsibilities.
6. Via a Bursary Fund, an education for a pupil population that will not be restricted by factors such as family income and wealth.

Means to Achieve these Aims

To achieve these aims, the School should:

i. have an ongoing Improvement Plan for academic and pastoral provision, playing areas and facilities.

ii. provide opportunities for consultation with staff, parents and pupils.

iii. seek able governors to use their expertise to help the school to map out a successful future.

iv. appoint and develop committed, talented and inspirational staff.

v. develop close and positive relationships with our local community and schools in the maintained sector.

vi. provide increased funding for bursaries.

vii. ensure prudent financial management.

viii. adopt and keep current suitable policies to ensure that all regulatory requirements are met.

· It is expected that the 'aims' would probably need to be changed less often than the 'means', but it would be the expectation that when a financial plan is agreed, it should be included.

· A report on these aims and means should be delivered by The Headmaster to the governors each year.

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