



SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL

To  
**450**  
And Beyond



A plan for our future

# Introduction

Dear Members and Friends of the SVS Community,

It is such a pleasure to be able to introduce to you our new strategic plan, 'To 450 and Beyond'.

We are on the cusp of celebrating our 450th Anniversary and find ourselves at a fascinating and exciting point in our history. It is my hope, and I trust the hope of all the community, that this plan will enable us to thrive over the next few years. We are a wonderful blend of inspirational students, brilliant teachers, highly supportive parents and engaged alumni; together there is so much to look forward to and celebrate.

In this booklet you can read of our recalibrated vision, mission and ethos and then the headlines for our future. It is intended to be aspirational yet pragmatic and realistic especially given the significant challenges within the independent sector. That said I am highly optimistic about our future and I look forward to it all a great deal.

I look forward to keeping you all updated and hope to see your engagement as we move forward 'To 450 and Beyond'.

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James Thomas, Headmaster





## Our Vision

Through our community values, broad curriculum, and extensive enrichment opportunities, we believe that all young people at Sutton Valence School will be inspired and supported to fulfil and exceed their potential.

We want our students to be open-minded individuals who possess a love of learning, are confident not arrogant, and have a strong set of values reflecting our principles as a Christian Foundation.



# Our Mission

*Our mission is to have a School where one will find:*

## Care

A caring, safe, supportive and kind community for the education of children aged 2 to 18, in a day and boarding environment

## Challenge

A challenging, relevant and broad curriculum encouraging curiosity, delivered in ways that allow all to achieve

## Choice

An outstanding range of creative, cultural, social and physical activities so that all can develop skills such as self-discipline, commitment, leadership and teamwork

## Culture

A culture of curiosity and celebration of diversity which promotes excellence, independence and high standards, whilst providing support to all who need it

## Community

A grounding in moral and spiritual understanding which promotes respect for others, along with self-respect, enabling all to contribute positively to their School community and the world beyond it



# Our Ethos

*A community where each cares for all and individuality is cherished.*

Our community structures are designed to create a caring environment that allows students to be fulfilled and challenged, but at the same time feel safe, supported and valued. This provides a platform from which students have the confidence to push themselves, to be curious and above all else to improve themselves as individuals whilst contributing to and benefitting the whole community.

Each student is valued as an individual with their own distinct sense of worth and potential. We strive to provide the foundations to allow each student's unique talents to grow, develop and ultimately flourish. Whether these abilities lie inside or outside the classrooms or indeed in an area connected to Sutton Valence School life, the community takes collective pride in recognising and celebrating them.

Our community systems emphasise the importance of responsibility, leadership, kindness and friendship amongst our students. It is founded on the principles of trust, reflection and openness. As such, we expect all our students to treat each other with respect, humanity and care. We all need to recognise that we are unique individuals and it is our differences that make us collectively stronger.

Great emphasis is therefore placed on the need to appreciate and celebrate the diversity of backgrounds, world views and attitudes expressed by those in our community.

At times, young people make mistakes and it is important they learn from them in a reflective manner so they can again contribute positively to the community.

Above all, our ethos should enable young people to grow into becoming responsible citizens with a genuine care for others and the world.



## One School Culture, Approach and Environment

Promote a 'One School' culture and approach throughout the Nursery, Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools, providing and maintaining an excellent educational setting which inspires our pupils and enhances their experience.



## Creativity

Encourage a creative and innovative approach to education allowing pupils to flourish beyond the classroom and in the expressive arts sphere via diverse media, technology and interdisciplinary learning.





## Culture and Community

Provide a supportive and inclusive environment where all can flourish, embracing all that it means to be a Suttonian, whatever age.

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## International

Analyse and develop the international element of our provision including curriculum and student recruitment.

Continue to grow our relationship with our partner school – HIK-SVS – in Tianjin, China.

## Leadership and Service

Develop a wide range of opportunities for leadership, self-evaluation, challenge and growth.



## Learning and Teaching

Provide a stimulating education for all our pupils that prepares them for a competitive and fast-changing world beyond School, embracing critical thinking, digital literacy and a range of learning techniques.





## Outdoors and Physical

Promote physical activity, encouraging every member of the community to live healthily while benefiting from our environment.



## Partnerships and Charity

Support communities and charities, locally, nationally and internationally.

## Sustainability

Develop a clear plan relating to structures and behaviours to respect and preserve the environment.

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## Wellbeing and Personal Development

Provide a full programme of personal development and wellbeing for all students with a wide range of resources and support mechanisms to develop resilience and enable flourishing.





# 450th Anniversary Celebration and Legacy

Mark this important moment in the School's history while also creating a legacy for future generations.





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