

# Gracemount High School



**VISION**



**2020**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

*'Committed to care and excellence.'*



# Aim

- For every pupil and member of staff to vote on what our **Vision** and Values for the school should be for the next 5 years.
- For all members of our community to feel part of shaping the future direction of **OUR** school.



# Why have a vision statement?

- Our vision statement is a **statement of our intent**. It should shape the direction of **OUR** school and be ambitious, challenging and on-going. It should be created through reflection and debate among young people, parents, staff and partners –

*“A shared vision is not an idea....rather it is a force in people’s hearts.....at its simplest level a shared vision is the answer to the question, **what do we want to create?**”*

# Why have a clearly defined set of values?



- All successful schools have a high degree of shared values. Our vision and values set the tone for the school and represent what we want to instil in all members of our school community.
- Our values are what we stand for and what we will promote everyday.



# Instructions

- Read the following two vision statements to the class. Take time to go over them and explain any words that pupils may not understand.
- Ask pupils to reflect on what they feel would be a **“force in their hearts”** and what type of school they **“want to create”**.
- Pupils should then place their voting slip in the Vision Statement envelope.

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## Vision Statement 1

At Gracemount High School we embrace our young people as the heart of our community. Through our commitment to care and excellence for ALL learners we aim to create a safe and nurturing environment which embodies respect, inclusion and high quality learning and teaching. We strive to inspire and equip our learners with the **resilience**, knowledge and skills they need to achieve their full potential in an ever changing society”.

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## Vision Statement 2

“At Gracemount High School EVERYONE is committed to working together to achieve excellence. We embrace our young people as the heart of our community and through our culture of care, hard work and high expectations for learning, ALL our young people will have the confidence, resilience and skills to embrace the opportunities and challenges of life and experience success”.

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# Instructions

- Read the following 3 sets of values to the class. Take time to go over them and explain any words that pupils may not understand.
- Ask pupils to reflect on what they feel we should **“stand for”** as a school and what is **“worth instilling”** in all members of the school community
- Once a set a values has been agreed we will work with staff and pupils on putting a statement against each value.
- Pupils should then place their name slip in the Values Statement 1, 2 or 3 folder.

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# Values – Suggestion 1

## GRACEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL - RESPECTS

- Resilience -
- Excellence -
- Social justice -
- Positive relationships -
- Empathy -
- Confidence -
- Together -
- Success -

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# Values – Suggestion 2



## GRACEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL – AIMS HIGHER

- Ambition -
- Individual responsibility / Integrity -
- Mutual respect-
- Success -
  
- Hard work -
- Innovation -
- Growth mindset –
- High Expectations -
- Everyone matters-
- Resilience-

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# Values – Suggestion 3

## GRACEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL – AMBITION

- **A**spire -
- **M**utual respect -
- **B**e valued -
- **I**nstil resilience -
- **T**olerance and fairness -
- **I**ndividual responsibility / **I**ntegrity -
- **O**pportunities for all -
- **N**o barriers to successful learning / **N**o excuses -

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