

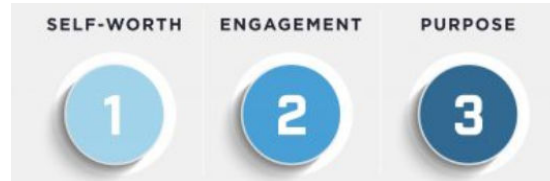


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Dear parents/carers

What a wonderful first week this has been! It has been such a pleasure to get to know the incredible staff and wonderful students of Livingstone Academy.

As you know, as an Aspirations Academy, our Guiding Principles are Self-worth, Engagement and Purpose and I just wanted to explain a little more about what this looks like at Livingstone Academy. Speaking with the students in assembly on Tuesday, we explored what these meant and discussed how important it is that we live and breathe these in our day to day actions.



Self-worth is built through:

- Giving and receiving compassion and respect;
- Being valued for who you are and being part of a team, belonging in our community;
- Having role models and being rewarded for effort, attitude and perseverance.

Engagement is shown through:

- Having a curious mindset and wanting to know more;
- Being present in the moment and taking each opportunity as a potential to grow;
- Persistence and resilience - relishing a challenge.

Purpose is evident when:

- We have an internal motivation and drive to be better than we were yesterday;
- We take responsibility for our choices;
- We have the opportunity to lead.

Since then, I have been extremely impressed with how our guiding principles are now being demonstrated through the actions of the students. I have had the privilege of spending really important time this week in and out of classes, speaking with students at break times, and observing highly engaging lessons. This has not only been fantastic for my step count (a 37,568 new record on Thursday!) but also to see our culture in action.

During this time, I have observed all students:

- Demonstrating high standards of uniform and appearance;
- Walking calmly, safely and with purpose in corridors;
- Holding doors open for one another and showing wonderful manners;





- Demonstrating pride in their learning and taking care;
- Being engaged in their lessons, maintaining eye contact and focus;
- Talking confidently with staff and their peers;
- Engaging in purposeful and engaging break times - basketball and dodgeball seem very popular options;
- Being happy!

As a staff team, we take great pride in getting to know and valuing the unique personalities of every student who walks through our doors, building strong working relationships with families based on trust and respect. We believe that communication is vital and to support this, you will see us proudly standing at the gates at the beginning and the end of the school day wishing you a good morning or afternoon and ready to listen to anything you need to share.

I am so pleased to have your child and family with us at Livingstone Academy, and I really look forward to getting to know you further.

Kind regards,

Mr Loren Tharme
Principal

