



Ref: CSH

13 October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

At Wath Academy we recognise how important the development of good character is for our students. As a result, we utilise an intentional and planned approach to character development where students are encouraged and supported to become active participants in the school community and contribute positively to society more broadly.

Character education at Wath Academy is delivered as part of a structured tutor programme, the life skills curriculum, and through the Academy's hidden curriculum. As a result, the subject both implicitly and explicitly permeates all subjects across the Academy.

Character education is about helping students grasp what is ethically important, how to act for the right reasons and develop the capacity to choose the right course of action in difficult situations. Therefore, character education allows students to decide the kind of person that they wish to become whilst providing the opportunities for all young people to be both effective and reflective people, both now and in to the future. We have developed our programme further this year and will be focusing on the four components of character that you can see in the diagram below.

<b>Intellectual Virtues</b>	<b>Moral Virtues</b>	<b>Civic Virtues</b>	<b>Performance Virtues</b>
Traits needed for good judgement, right action and the pursuit of knowledge and understanding	Traits that enable us to act well in situations that require an ethical response	Traits that are necessary for engaged responsible citizens contributing to the common good.	Traits that have an instrumental value in enabling the intellectual, moral and civic virtues.
Examples: critical thinking; reflection; curiosity; reasoning	Examples: compassion; honesty; humility; integrity; justice; respect	Examples: citizenship; community awareness; volunteering; fundraising	Examples: Determination; motivation; perseverance; resilience; team work; goal setting

The ultimate aim of character education at Wath Academy is the development of good sense, or practical wisdom that enables our students to flourish in life. By flourish, we not only mean to be happy, but also fulfil their potential. Therefore, effective character education has a legacy far beyond the school gates and benefits the individuals themselves as well as their wider communities.

I would welcome your feedback and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Craig Shaw  
Assistant Vice Principal