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Changing the story

The big argument



Vision, values, intent

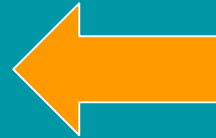
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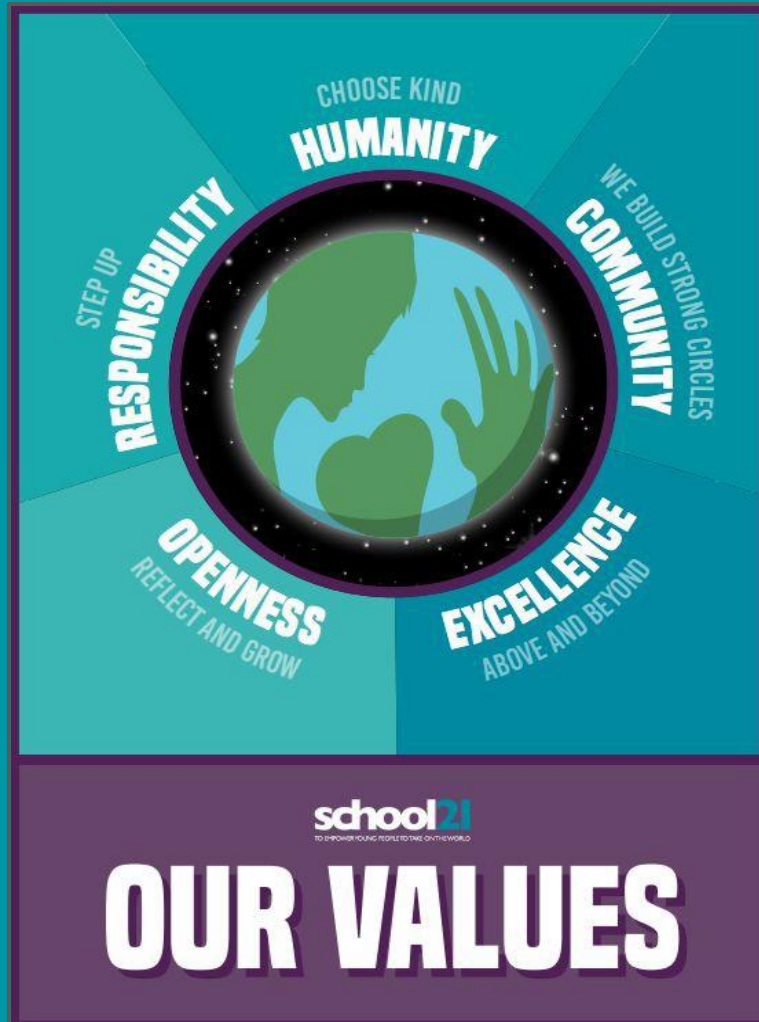
**To create beautiful
work**



**To make a difference
to the world through
head, heart and hand**



**To develop the most
interesting young
people anywhere in
London**



What does being a
values-driven
organisation mean?

THE FOUR HISTORIC PURPOSES OF EDUCATION

**Passing on 'the best that has
been thought and said'**

'Developing human potential'

'Preparation for work'

**'Social action - education is
freedom'**





Head

Cultural literacy

**'Best that has been thought
and said'**

Matthew Arnold

Big ideas and concepts

'The great conversation of humanity'

Michael Oakeshott

Applying and combining knowledge

**'Empowering Knowledge not just
knowledge of the powerful'**

Michael Young



Heart

Self-awareness

**'You can only become truly
accomplished at something you love'**

Maya Angelou

Building relationships

A tolerance of difference

**'We have two ears and one mouth and
we should use them proportionally.'**

Susan Cain

Ethics and meaning

**A person 'without ethics is a wild
beast let loose on the world'**

Albert Camus



Hand

Beauty and discernment

**'I saw the angel in the marble and
carved until I set him free'**

Michelangelo

Learning to create

**'Vulnerability is the birthplace of
innovation, creativity and change.'**

Brené Brown

Changing the world

**'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world'**

Margaret Mead

A repertoire of pedagogies



Head



Heart



Hand

Socratic seminars

Harkness tables

Direct instruction

Science of Learning

Inter-disciplinary learning

On-line learning

Blended Learning

Coaching techniques

Philosophy for Children

Leadership toolkit

Peer mentoring and teaching

Circle Time

Building 'crew'

Experiential learning

Personal challenges

Sport, music, art, drama
coaching and
teams/ensembles

Apprenticeships

Project Based Learning

Design thinking

Entrepreneurship

Social action/community
organising/service learning

Oracy skills framework – an introduction

We have divided oracy skills into four categories:



Cognitive The deliberate application of thought to what you're saying



Linguistic Knowing which words and phrases to use, and using them



Physical Making yourself heard, using your voice and body as an instrument



Social Engaging with the people around you; knowing you have the right to speak



Changing the story



Inspire



Design



Support





RETHINKING ASSESSMENT

A movement to **value the strengths of every child**

Learning from Lockdown

How the current crisis could change the way we think about education

Poll: what needs to change?

10 Provocations

1. The purpose of education is to give every child the chance to reach their highest point of contribution in the world
2. School is living, it is not preparation for living
3. Culture always trumps behaviour management
4. Speaking matters as much as reading and writing
5. Every teacher deserves mastery, autonomy and purpose
6. Humanity-rich is as important as knowledge-rich
7. Employers want people with initiative, yet schools rob students of initiative and agency
8. Heroic leadership is dead
9. The most important divide in education is not traditional v progressive but open v closed
10. The abolition of GCSEs and Ofsted would transform education for the better

10 Innovations

1. Reinvented work experience with students doing projects in organisations once a week all year
2. Reinvented parents' evenings so that students present
3. Reinvented assemblies as interactive crucibles for talk, thinking and learning
4. Reinvented professional development so it is peer led, experiential and long term
5. Created a framework, curriculum and toolkit for oracy and set up Voice 21 a charity training teachers across the country in speaking skills
6. Developed a well-being framework and curriculum and reinvented tutor/form time
7. Students setting up social enterprises and developing design-thinking and inter-disciplinary knowledge and skills
8. Created a 'deliberately' developmental organisation where all staff get regular feedback
9. Created 4 distinct small schools on 4 to 18 journey
10. Reinvented purpose of 6th form – A levels, Quest, Studio

5 reflections on leadership

Values driven

Deliberately
developmental

A balance of head,
heart and hand

Restless energy -
always asking fresh
questions

1. Make being a teacher genuinely fulfilling
2. Develop a rich, challenging conversation in the staffroom and every classroom
3. Challenge every aspect of how a school is run
4. Give children the chance to change the world
5. Be authentic: stand out from the crowd; do what's right