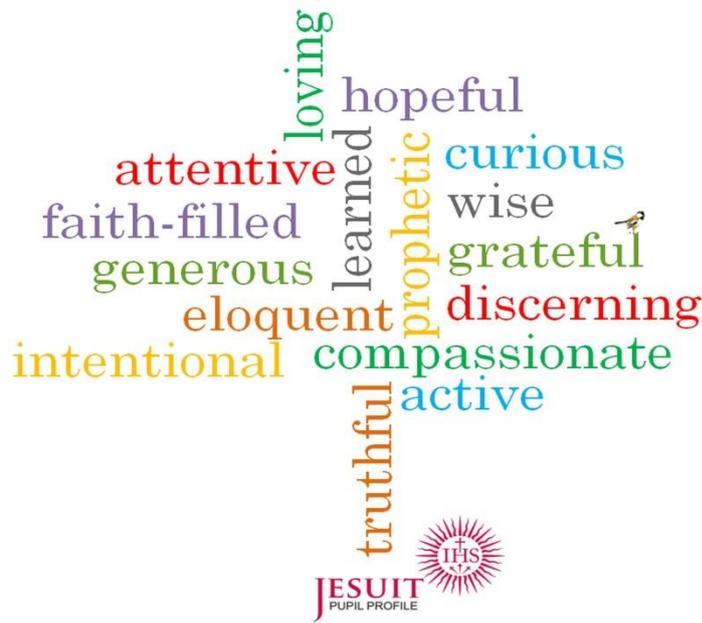




St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy – Values and Virtues



Mission Statement

With respect for God and united in faith, we place service before self to inspire hearts and minds.

By achieving together throughout love and faith, we place Christ at the centre of all we do.

Through our school mission and our children's experience of belonging to a caring community, we offer our children a strong sense of self-worth and an awareness of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

From September 2015 St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy has adopted the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Catholic Schools Profile. As a school, we will be working together to look at those values and virtues that come from the Gospel and teachings of Jesus. These values and virtues are taken from the Jesuit Institute which is rooted in the teachings of St Ignatius. The Archdiocese of Birmingham have created a Pupil Profile in which 8 pairs of complementary words have been placed together. Each half term the whole school will focus on one pair of words; we will spend time reflecting on the meaning of the words; how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others and how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives. All classes will discuss the meaning of these words; during whole school assemblies we will consider what they mean and will take time to reflect, quietly and peacefully, together so that we can listen carefully and try to hear the inner callings of our hearts.

Pupils in St Maria Goretti's are growing to be ...	Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham help their pupils grow...
Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, now and in the future.	By encouraging them to know and be grateful for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be generous in the service of others
Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices	By promoting the practice of attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in the examine, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.
Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.	By being compassionate and loving in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence
Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future	By passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in themselves and others.
Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.	By developing an eloquent language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.
Learned , finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.	By the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise .
Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.	By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community
Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others..	By being a school community which is intentional in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is prophetic in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel

Term	Virtues
Spring 1 2017	Grateful & Generous
Spring 2 2017	Attentive & Discerning
Summer 1 2017	Compassionate & Loving
Summer 2 2017	Faith-filled & Hopeful
Autumn 1 2017	Eloquent & Truthful
Autumn 2 2017	Learned & Wise
Spring 1 2018	Curious & Active
Spring 2 2018	Intentional & Prophetic

The cycle will then start again.