



MISSION STATEMENT/AIM OF THE SCHOOL

Our aim is to discover, nurture and celebrate the talents and achievements of every student.

The Methodist Church is engaged in education as a part of Christian mission in the world. Its schools will seek to extend the Methodist ethos and character and contribute to diversity in education.

The school's aim:

to be caring Christian family communities committed to the development of the full potential of each individual, having regard for their personal attributes in addition to their academic aspirations;

to maintain high educational standards in all their academic, cultural and sporting activities, stimulating excitement in learning and requiring discipline in study whatever the ability of the child;

to work with and in the communities they serve;

to worship as Christians in the Methodist tradition; to uphold Christian values in practice as well as in theory and to make religious education a strong feature of the curriculum, whilst welcoming members of other faiths (and none) in a spirit of openness and tolerance;

to encourage students in a critical examination of the standards and values current in society and to discover and develop a personal faith to guide them throughout their lives.

THEN AND NOW

Edgehill College was founded in 1884, Stella Maris Convent (later Stella Maris school) in 1929 and Grenville College in 1954.

For more than half a century, the North Devon market town of Bideford was well-served by these three fine independent schools, each with its own Christian ethos, Edgehill being a member of the Methodist group of schools, Stella Maris originally being a Catholic Convent school and Grenville part of the Church of England Woodard Foundation.

Edgehill and Stella Maris were for many years girls' schools, while Grenville was for boys until its merger with Stella Maris in 1994.

In January 2009, Grenville College closed and Edgehill College was renamed to become Kingsley School Bideford, under the aegis of the Methodist Independent schools Trust.

Kingsley School Bideford is a school proud of its three great pasts, and looking forward with ambition and enthusiasm to its own great future.

OUR STUDENTS

The school welcomes girls and boys, day students and boarders, from nursery to University entrance on a single campus in Bideford. Our school's primary purpose is to educate and support and to ensure their wellbeing. All staff will need to ensure that they are fully conversant with our safeguarding policy and that they know how to report any concerns.

OUR SCHOOL

We are a Methodist school. The values of Christianity are the core of the school's.

We are an inclusive school. Every individual is important. We will not pay lip-service to this. Every individual will be treated with understanding, dignity and respect.

We will deliver an all-round curriculum that prepares for progress through the school and, for most, but certainly not all children, college and university. Underpinning this we have a parallel responsibility not only for children's learning but their attitudes to learning. For most of our children this will become a lifetime's pursuit in a way that it was not expected to be for (at least the eldest of) us.

We aim for a happy and productive school.

We have responsibility for the personal development of children. Life has to be faced head-on and we must encourage personal qualities such as courage, generosity, honesty, imagination, understanding of differences, tolerance and kindness.

We have responsibility for the development of wider interests and skills such as sport, music, art and drama.

OUR STAFF

We recognise the benefit derived from investing in people through training and development to constantly improve efficiency and quality of service.

We depend upon our staff, each one of whom is valued for the contribution he or she makes to the reputation and success of the school, which we always seek to recognise.

SIMPLICITY

Constant attention is paid to keeping all systems as simple and straightforward as possible.

INTEGRITY

We undertake to demonstrate the highest standard of integrity in all elements of our school.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In legal terms Kingsley School Bideford was formed in 2009 by changing the name of Edgehill College. Kingsley is wholly owned by the Methodist Independent schools Trust (MIST), registered charity number 1142794.

Governing Document

The constitution and administration of the school are contained in the Methodist Independent Education Trust Deed dating from 1903 and last amended in 2017, and the instrument of Government for Methodist Independent schools.

Governing Body

The school was established by the Methodist Church and is administered on its behalf by the Methodist Independent schools Trust (MIST), which is the registered proprietor. The day to day governance is delegated to a body of local Governors.

Day to day Management

The local Governors have delegated the day to day management of the school to the Head. There is a small Senior Management Team which meets at the school weekly.

The Board of Governors of Kingsley school Bideford meets once a term. There are subcommittee for Education, Marketing, Finance and Estates, Health and Safety, HR and Personnel which all meet prior to full governor's meetings.

