



Becoming a School of Character

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“Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. The complete education gives one not only power of concentration, but worthy objectives upon which to concentrate.”



Martin Luther King
'The purpose of education'

Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues in Birmingham

Define character as;

' a set of personal traits or dispositions that produce specific moral emotions, inform motivation and guide conduct.'



BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS

Establishing a vision

- What do we want pupils at Beech Hill to be like?
- What will character development look like in school?
- How can we involve parents, carers and members of our local community to play a part in building character?



Categories of good character



Moral virtues

- Courage
- Honesty
- Humility
- Empathy
- Gratitude
- Sense of justice
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Dignity
- Confidence
- Optimism



Intellectual virtues

- Curiosity
- Critical thinking
- Conscientiousness
- Focus



Performance virtues

- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Grit
- Application
- Self regulation
- Determination
- Motivation
- Drive
- Ambition



Civic virtues (Community spirit)

- Act of service
- Volunteering
- Communication with society
- Respect
- Tolerance



Discussion...

- Can we decide on 4 character traits from each category to focus on in school?



Checklist for next steps

- Vision set and confident leadership in place
- School staff on board
- Make character education visible
- Caught and taught - explicit teaching of character virtues through lessons, e.g. PSHCE, RE, citizenship and other curriculum subjects
- Availability of extra curricular activities that promote our chosen virtues
- Time for personal reflection - individual journals?

Keeping in touch

- Weekly newsletter to parents to include character updates
- Staff briefing (weekly) used to keep staff informed
- Training sessions to be delivered by Nadine to whole staff (2 x Autumn term meetings scheduled)
- Emails to governors
- Lincrest Court update as often as required

Any questions?

