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Ysgol Cwm Brombil is a 3-16 co-educational school serving the communities of Margam, Port Talbot and the Afan Valley.

Our aim is to provide all our students with the very best start in life by offering them an outstanding education! We seek to achieve this by ensuring each child in our care

- reaches their full potential academically;
- develops a broad set of skills that enables them to be successful in our ever-changing world;
- develops the character values that will allow them to positively contribute to the society in which they live;

These aims are delivered through a commitment to providing the highest quality learning experiences, a strong pastoral system and an extensive range of sporting, cultural, physical and extra-curricular activities.

Our core purpose is to inspire and enable young people to make a positive difference to society. We do this with a single-minded focus on the power of learning to transform lives. To learn effectively we believe in the value of our three corner stones:

Aspiration, Belonging and Character

When you visit our school, you will see that our students are happy, hard-working and incredibly positive about their time at school. They are a genuine asset to our community and visitors regularly comment on how friendly, polite and articulate they are. They want to receive the best possible experiences at school to become successful. In addition to our wonderful students, we believe we have some of the finest teachers and support staff in the country who help inspire, motivate and challenge our students to become the 'best versions' of themselves.

Educating children is a great responsibility and an immense privilege. If you are a parent of a student already at the school, thank you for entrusting us with that job! If you are considering sending your child to Ysgol Cwm Brombil or would like to find out more do get in touch. We are open to visitors every day!

Thank you for visiting our us.
I am delighted to introduce our school to you.
Shaun Clarke
Headteacher



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Our Vision

The success of pupils at Ysgol Cwm Brombil is founded upon three cornerstones.

The values represented in these cornerstones contribute together to the development of well-rounded individuals. Development of these qualities enables our pupils to follow a future path of their choosing, making a positive contribution to society. Success follows A B C.

SUCCESS

Enterprising, creative contributors
Knowledge, innovation and citizenship skills will enable our pupils to be successful in the wider world. This success can be reflected and celebrated in a combination of academic attainment, involvement in enrichment activities and pupil contributions to their community and the wider world.
At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, you can be Successful if you have:

KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION and CITIZENSHIP



Teaching & Learning

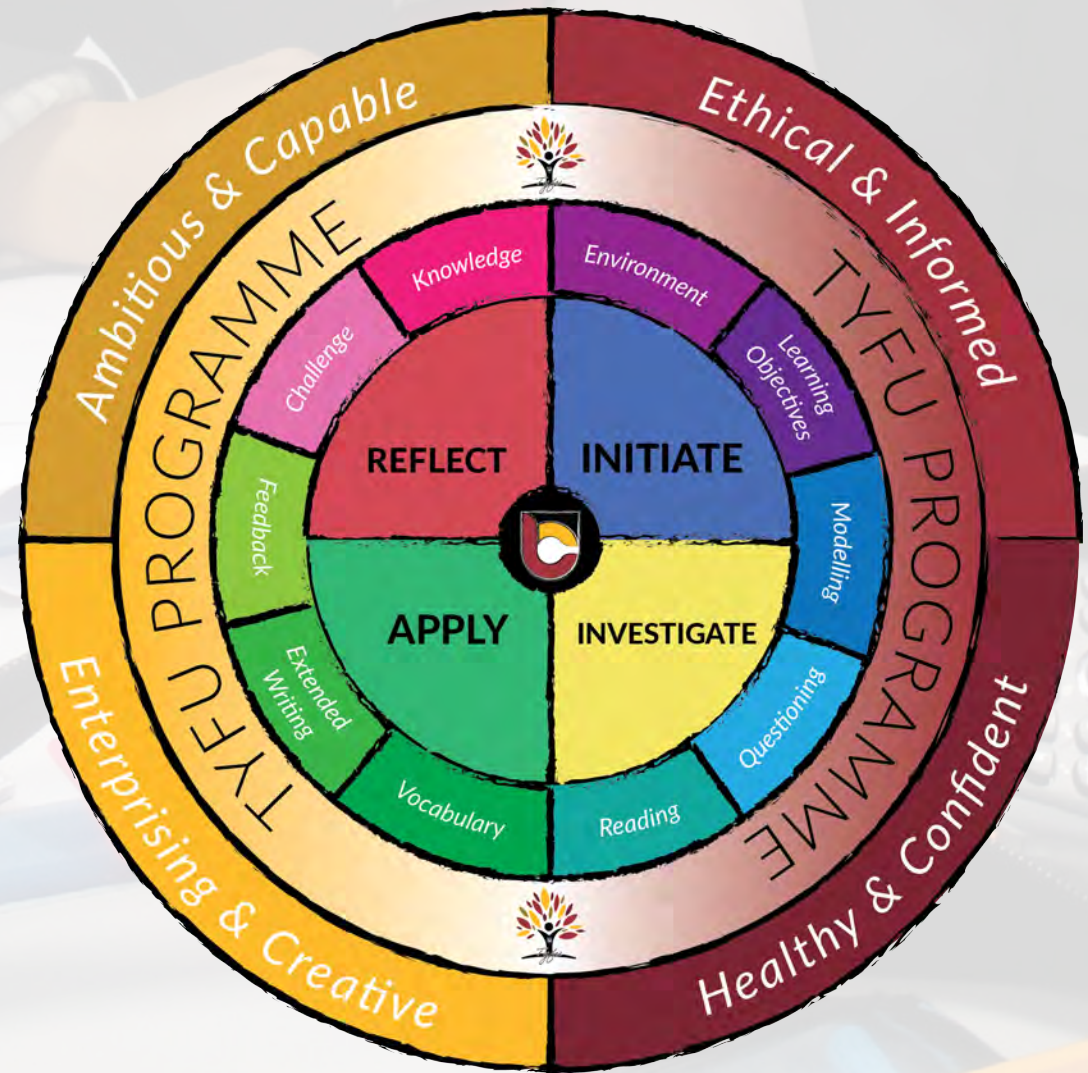
Throughout their time at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, pupils are encouraged to take ownership of their learning to become independent learners. To ensure our pupils are better prepared to unlock their potential and better equipped to deal with the future demands of college, university and the world of work.

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, the following elements are evident in our teaching:

- > Pupils work in a calm and purposeful environment. They are engaged in learning from the moment each lesson begins.
- > Pupils are given clear learning objectives at the start of each lesson. These are reflected upon at the end of each lesson.
- > Exemplar work is provided and pupils see expected outcome
- > Pupils produce extended writing in the majority of lessons.
- > Pupils receive verbal and written feedback from teachers. They are expected to act on this feedback in order to improve the quality of their work.
- > Pupils are taught how to learn, retain and recall knowledge. They learn about how the brain responds to learning.
- > Pupils are encouraged to see learning as a challenge. They are encouraged to develop their Mindset to help them to embrace this challenge and cope appropriately with setbacks.

Forging Mindset

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil we understand that in order for our pupils to excel in their personal and academic goals, we work with them to develop their personal Mindset. We encourage our pupils to seek out challenges viewing them as learning opportunities, and to understand that intelligence is not a fixed characteristic. This attitude empowers our pupils in striving for ambitious goals in - and beyond - their academic learning. Staff in Ysgol Cwm Brombil are also life long learners and continue to grow alongside the learners; developing their teaching skills, knowledge and understanding through the staff coaching programme, the Tyfu Programme.



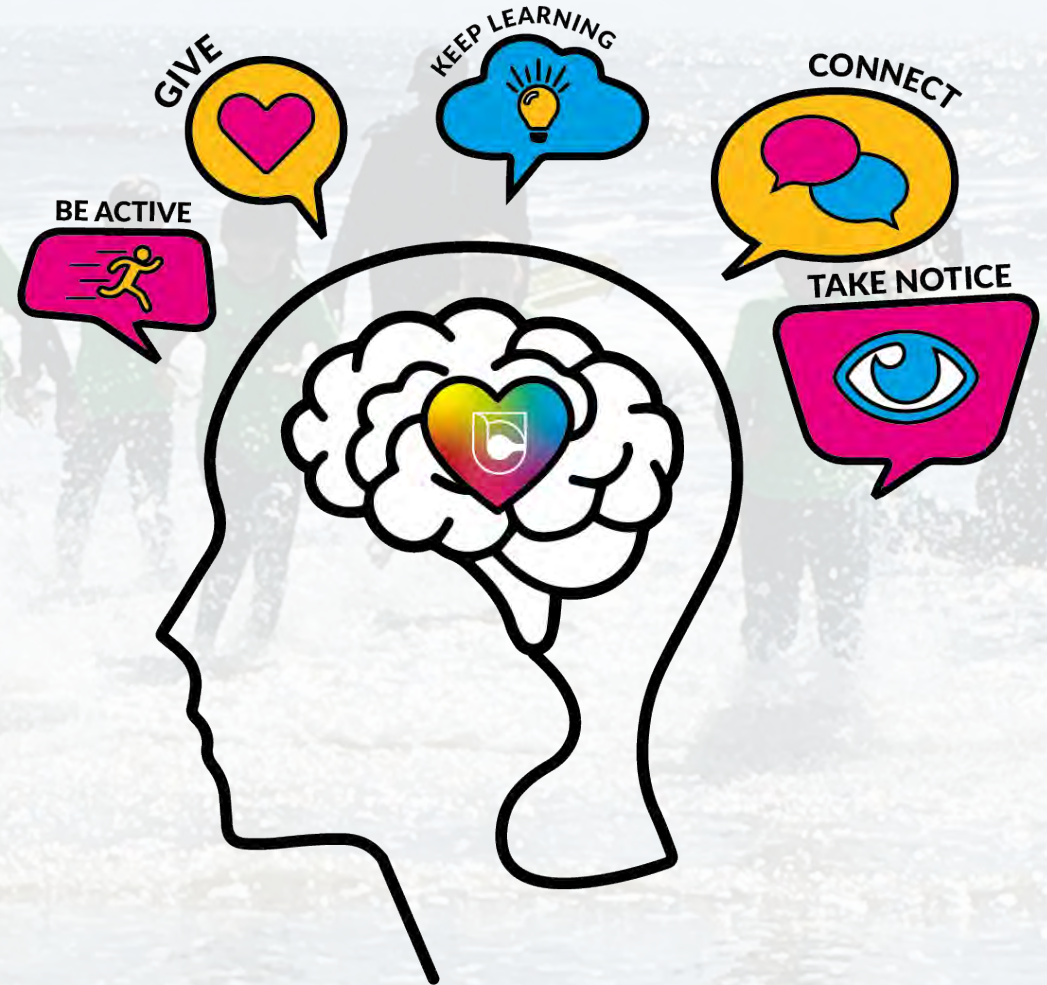
Pastoral Support & Wellbeing

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, we pride ourselves in the care and support we provide all our pupils. We consider the Form Tutor to be a key part of our student's life in school as the person they can turn to for support and advice. As well as this daily support, we have a Wellbeing team consisting of and a Head of Year, Engagement Officers for each year group, a Health Team of 3 highly qualified health professionals, counsellors, youth workers and careers advisers, that help support the pupils through mentoring, personalised support and tailored interventions. These support programmes ensure pupils are well prepared and Ready to Learn in all of their lessons and have aspiration for their future.

We maintain strong connections with our parents through regular and effective communication. Parents, with their children, are invited to attend at least one parent's evening a year, alongside Year Ahead Meetings and focused individualised support meetings. Also, we maintain regular contact through the ClassCharts app and social media.

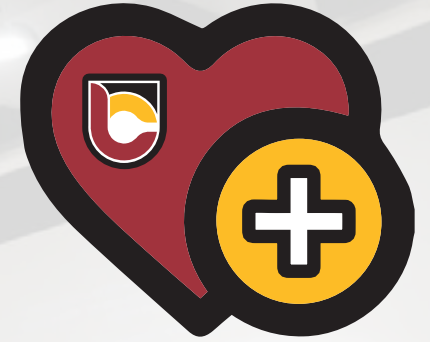
Health and wellbeing are essential for learning. We want our pupils to grow into healthy, happy and active participants in society. The link between attendance and attainment is well recognised and at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, we believe in supporting families to ensure pupils feel safe, secure and healthy at school.

Having a Healthcare Team full time on site allows pupils to be assessed and liaise with parents to help reduce unnecessary school absence for health reasons. The Healthcare Worker ensures our pupils are educated in managing their own health and adopt good illness behaviour for their futures. Support is provided for families who have children with ongoing medical issues. We are also able to provide the opportunity for minor health and wellbeing issues to be identified at an early stage before they escalate. This is effective in building confident, resilient young people.





Health



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Having access to health professionals on site allows pupils to be assessed and for us to liaise with parents to help reduce unnecessary school absence for health reasons. Support is provided for families who have children with ongoing medical issues. We are proud to have developed a strong partnership with our NHS colleagues which has resulted in clinics being run on the school site.

All students at YCB will have health education and health promotion lessons to equip them with the knowledge and skills in order to manage their own health. We believe having a positive attitude with regards to managing their health, and adopting good health behaviours is effective in building confident, resilient young people.

Student Testimonials

'In YCB we have school nurses, they are very kind and helpful'

'The importance of school nurses is to teach you how to be and keep well'

'I trust the nurses in school rather than going to see someone random you have never seen before'

'If the nurses where not in school I wouldn't have been able to get advice'

'Recommend to everyone so trustworthy'

A 2024 Retrospective and anonymous audit of school health service provision in YCB by pupils rated service as 'excellent'

Care & Guidance

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, we pride ourselves in the care and support we provide all our pupils. Ensuring that all students are happy, and feel safe, is our most important objective. Only when youngsters feel secure and confident will they be able to take risks with their learning, and make the fastest progress. Therefore, care and support are the first focus at Ysgol Cwm Brombil. We consider the Form Tutor to be a key part of our student's life in school as the person they can turn to for support and advice.

All children are members of a tutor group when they first join the secondary phase. Where possible, the form tutor stays with the form class throughout their secondary phase journey. Students see their form tutor each day, and they are the first point of contact for advice and support. Form tutors support the members of their form group in many ways. These include: academically mentoring their tutees at particular points of the year, for instance when school reports are issued; supporting students with course choices for GCSEs and next steps; offering pastoral support with any issues being experienced; and supporting youngsters in all ways possible to ensure they are happy and successful in school.

We know from experience that the support of parents is of great importance to the success of their children. We send home a weekly newsletters, and a range of information about the curriculum, homework, our reading programme and extra-curricular activities is available on our website and social media pages. Assessment information is shared with parents each term, by means of reports or meetings with subject teachers, and we welcome parents' questions, comments and suggestions. Parents have access to their child's attendance and achievement through the school's online behavioural management system – ClassCharts.



Secondary Phase Curriculum

Here at Ysgol Cwm Brombil we believe in delivering a curriculum for all. Our curriculum aims to provide an inclusive, diverse and rich experience to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and capacity for growth that they will need in the future.

In Key Stage 3, pupils follow Curriculum for Wales through the following range of subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Welsh
- ICT
- Computer Science
- French
- Spanish
- Personal and Social Education
- Physical Education
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Design and Technology
- Music
- Drama
- Religious Education
- Character

The National Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competencies Frameworks are embedded into all subjects for learners across Key Stage 3.

In Key Stage 4, all pupils study a core set of subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Welsh
- Skills Challenge Wales
- RS and Citizenship

They are also provided with a wide choice of academic and vocational 'option' subjects. This year, choices included all subjects from Key Stage 3 as well as, Engineering, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Health and Social and Child Care, Photography, Outdoor Learning and Work Skills.

Pupils are supported and advised in selecting three subjects that will best suit their future path.



Enrichment

Enrichment at Ysgol Cwm Brombil is more than just extending our pupils learning. Our aim is to encompass our core values of Aspiration, Belonging and Character in order to enhance the overall wellbeing of our pupils. Our Enrichment programme presents pupils with a wide variety of activities, clubs and groups. These opportunities allow our pupils to try new things, socialise with their peers, learn to take care of their health and wellbeing, while enhancing their learning and life skills. Our Enrichment programme present opportunities for all pupils, from all backgrounds and communities to take part reflecting the aims of our 'Belonging' initiative.

Our core values and school vision are central to everything we do, including Enrichment. The programme of activities, clubs and groups are key in developing our pupils in becoming 'ambitious, capable learners', 'ethical, informed citizens' and 'healthy, informed citizens'. The concept that encompasses our vision and motivates our pupils and staff is:

Do more! Enjoy more! Be More!

Do more! – ASPIRATION

Be ambitious and give new things a go. Try something different and push your boundaries. Some activities and clubs may get you additional qualifications and rewards.

Enjoy more! – BELONGING

New opportunities to make friends or enjoy something new with your friends. Fun and enjoyable environments. Develop better bonds with your teachers. Make memories and share good times with your school friends. Give back to the school and the wider community. Represent our community with pride.

Be more! - CHARACTER

Gain life skills and become more confident individuals. Help to develop further opportunities inside and outside of school.



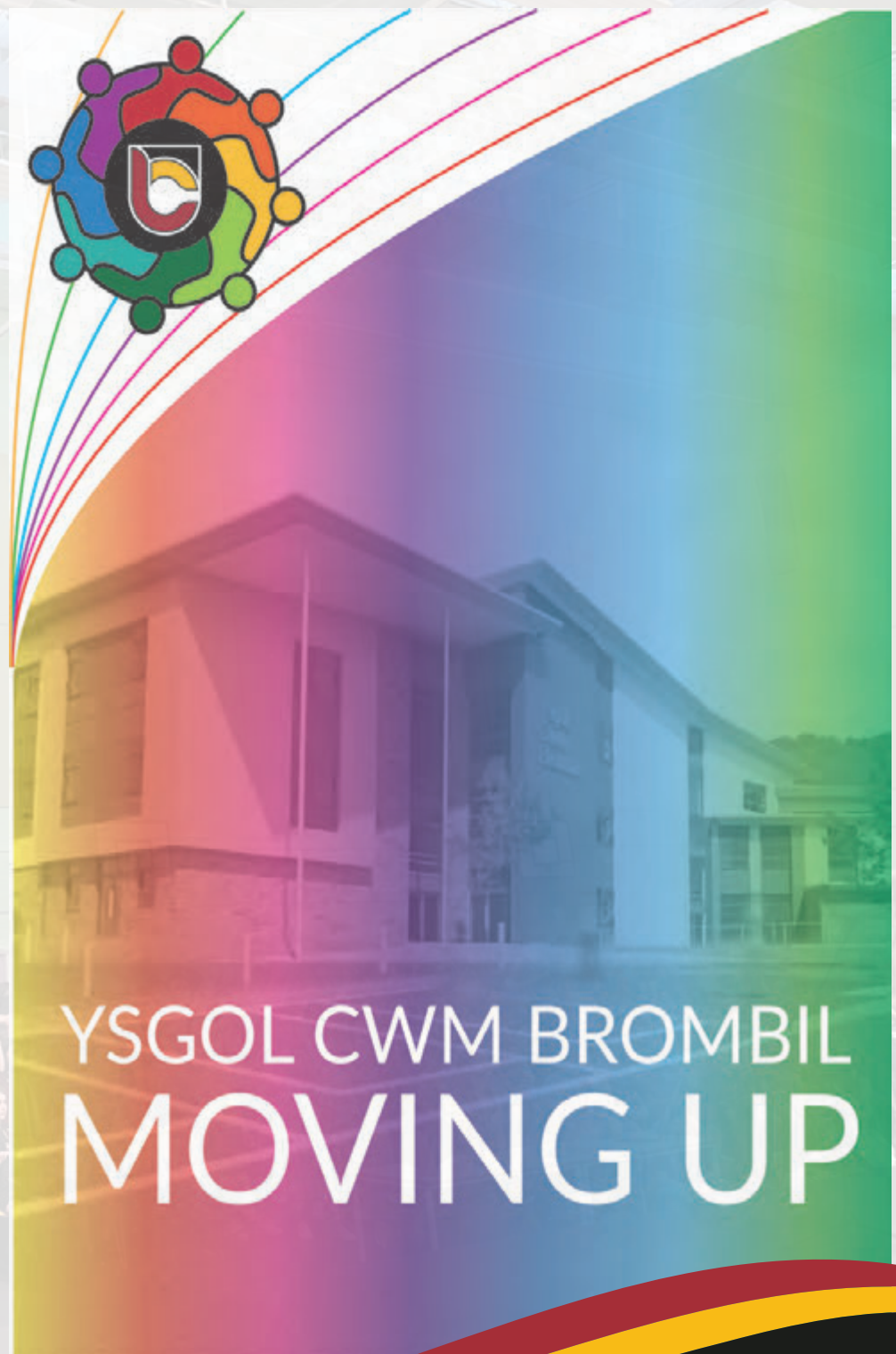
Transition

Whilst pupils that attend our primary phase will be familiar with our school and environment, we believe strongly that the pupils from our other feeder schools are made to feel just as welcome into our family.

Our Transition Programme in years 5 & 6 provides a rich and varied programme of activities that prepare pupils for life in our school. Departmental transition days include Modern Foreign Languages, English, Art, Design and Technology, Performing Arts, PE, Humanities and Science. The Maths department also visit the pupils in their primary schools.

All pupils who will be joining us in year 7 will visit for the day in the July before they start. Here they will get an opportunity to meet some of their teachers and classmates as well as receive a starting pack ready for their start with us in the September. Pupils will receive a moving on booklet to support them and there is a walk through videos on line to help them familiarise themselves with the building.

There is additional transition work done by the ALN department for those pupils who require additional support.



ACE School of Character

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil, we believe that helping young people develop strong character is just as important as helping them achieve academic success. We are incredibly proud that our commitment to developing the whole child has been recognised through the ACE School of Character Quality Mark, making us the first school in Wales to receive this prestigious national award. This month we were visited by an ACE Character awards assessor who was “blown away” with our pupils and all that they do and most importantly lead on within the school. Character Education is at the heart of everything we do. It is woven into everyday school life, helping pupils to develop the attitudes, values and behaviours they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

Everything we do is centred around our three Character Cornerstones:

Aspiration – Pathways to Success

We encourage every pupil to believe in themselves, aim high and work hard to achieve their goals. Through challenge, resilience and determination, we help pupils develop the confidence to reach their full potential.

Our Aspiration attributes are:

- Ambitious – Having the determination and drive to achieve.
- Committed – Giving your time and energy to something.

Belonging – Forging Connections

Starting secondary school is an exciting step, and we want every child to feel welcomed, valued and part of our community from day one. We encourage kindness, respect and responsibility so that every pupil feels safe, supported and included.

Our Belonging attributes are:

- Responsible – Living up to the promises you have made.
- Kind – Doing things for yourself and others.

Character – Foundations for Growth

We support pupils to make positive choices, act with honesty and integrity, and communicate confidently and respectfully. These qualities help our pupils become resilient, principled and caring young people who are ready to make a positive difference.

Our Character attributes are:

- Integrity – Choosing to do the right thing, even when no one is looking.
- Assertive – Communicating confidently and respectfully.

Developing the Whole Child

Character Education is not a separate lesson; it is part of every aspect of school life. From the classroom to enrichment activities, leadership opportunities, sport, the arts and everyday interactions, pupils are encouraged to demonstrate our Cornerstones and attributes in everything they do. By working closely with families, we aim to develop young people who are confident, compassionate, resilient and ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

