

SCC's definition of Spiritual Development

SUMMARY VERSION

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- an awareness and understanding of their own and others' beliefs.
- an understanding of our role in place and time.
- a love for themselves, for others and the environment.
- a respect for insight as well as knowledge and reason.

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FULL VERSION (inc. reference to a Biblical underpinning and to the SCC vision and values)

At St Catherine's College, the spiritual development of pupils – one's understanding of inner self, beliefs, values and purpose - is likely to be evident in some or all of the following characteristics:

- a set of shared values and principles. The foundation is the SCC set of values, which we aim to have informing perspectives on life and patterns of behaviour.
- an awareness and understanding of their own and others' beliefs. Within a Church of England School we are guided by Christian teaching which includes respect for others and observance of the Golden rule. *"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you."* Matthew 7:12
- an understanding of our role in place and time. This may be a social and/or environmental conscience and it may also be the sense of awe and wonder within what we experience. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* Psalm 19
- a love for themselves, for others and our environment. This starts with an understanding of ourself as a unique and valued individual, and extends to a sense of empathy and compassion for others; 'standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our peers'
- a respect for insight as well as knowledge and reason. 'Learners in our care are supported to achieve their God-given potential'

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