COURAGE
CONFIDENCE
CHARACTER
Our students, staff and parents have identified ten character strengths which we are working together to develop in our students and in ourselves.

Key to them are...

**COURAGE**
To have the strength and will to know what you should do even though it may be tough.
To stick at something even if it hurts.

**CONFIDENCE**
To believe in yourself and be the best person you can be.
To not let doubts and fears hold you back.

**CHARACTER**
To make good choices and be able to put yourself in someone else’s shoes.
To seek to do the right thing and show self-discipline when needed.
At Aylesford School we will work with you and your child. We will help them to develop strong character strengths, reach their academic potential and discover where they excel.

We are inclusive, treat all children equally and have the highest expectations of ourselves and of each other.

We have a moral purpose and a deep commitment to comprehensive education.
Teaching and Learning is our priority. We want our students to enjoy lessons because they have challenged them to think, have included a variety of activities and have moved at a pace appropriate to the progress they are making at that time.

During lessons we want our students to be curious through learning; courageous in tackling difficult problems; open-minded in considering the ideas and viewpoints of others; self-disciplined to behave in ways that only help themselves and others learn.

Good character is the foundation for improved attainment, better behaviour and increased employability, but most importantly, flourishing societies.

The Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues
Students will have the opportunity to develop confidence, courage and compassion through dance and drama lessons. Our experience is that this helps students to thrive in other areas of the curriculum.
COURAGE & CONFIDENCE

These are all examples of opportunities we give our students to develop courage and confidence. If young people can experience pride in trying something new, or in performing in front of an audience, they learn that by applying courage and confidence they can succeed in areas they did not imagine.
We will give you the support you need so that you settle into Year 7 quickly and start to thrive.

Our dedicated Year 7 team will support and challenge you to get involved with the life of the school.

**Guidance & Support**

**Miss C Duff**  
**Year 7 Progress Leader**  
Miss Duff is the Year 7 progress leader and is responsible for the progress and well being of year 7 pupils. Miss Duff particularly enjoys working with this year group and helping them transition from primary to secondary life. Miss Duff aims to embed resilience, confidence and courage into our students daily life along with the other characteristics we focus on as a school to ensure that students develop as well rounded individuals.

**Mrs N Severn**  
**Year 7 Deputy Progress Leader**  
Mrs Severn is an expert at working with year 7 students and has done so for many years at Aylesford School. She will help Year 7 students get used to being in a new school and keep you on track. Mrs Severn believes that resilience and motivation will be the most valuable character strengths to develop in year 7.

**Miss T Kelvie**  
**Headteacher**  
Miss Kelvie has a firm belief that every student regardless of background or ability can achieve whatever they want with hard work and determination. She will be passionate about ensuring that you reach your potential at our school. She believes that if you can develop good character strengths you will be successful at whatever you try.

**Mrs N Land**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
Mrs Land is driven in ensuring students receive the best quality of teaching and learning in the school. Year 7 students can expect Mrs Land to be popping up in many lessons to give words of encouragement and to ensure students have both a high level of challenge and support.

**Mr D Wright**  
**Assistant Headteacher**  
Mr Wright has been working at Aylesford for over 12 years, he started as a PE teacher in 2005 and has been an Assistant Head Teacher since 2011. He is responsible for Character Development within the school. Mr Wright will be pivotal in developing courage, confidence and character in each student and always seeks to find opportunities to reward students for showing good character, attendance and behaviour.
Our vision is to provide high quality academic and ‘Character Education’ which develops confident young people who are successful learners and contribute positively to society.

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In partnership with Wrotham School

Since September 2017 Aylesford School has been in partnership with Wrotham School, with Matthew Wright as Executive Headteacher of both schools.

Under his five years of leadership Wrotham School has become increasingly oversubscribed and has had to expand as a result.

The partnership has a long term future and Mr Wright is committed to ensuring that all students achieve success in exams and develop good character.