

## **LSI Independent College**

### **Equality Policy**

Working effectively with diversity is an essential part of the approach at LSI Independent College. We are committed to ensuring that there is no unjustified discrimination in the recruitment, retention, training and development of staff on the basis of age, disability, gender including transgender, HIV/AIDS status, marital status including civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, political opinion, race/ethnicity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, spent convictions, trade union activity or membership, work pattern, having or not having dependants or on any other grounds which are irrelevant to decision making. We aim to abide by and promote equality legislation. We follow both the letter and the spirit of the law in this area. We try to avoid unjustified discrimination which we recognise is a barrier to equality, diversity, inclusion and human rights.

LSI Independent College is committed to:

- understanding, valuing and working with diversity to enable fair and full participation in its work and activities
- ensuring that there is no unjustified discrimination in its recruitment, selection, performance management and other processes
- promoting equality; this includes conducting equality screening and impact assessments of policies and functions
- treating individuals with whom it works with fairness, dignity and respect
- playing its part in removing barriers and redressing imbalances caused by inequality and unjustified discrimination.

We require all staff to ensure their behaviour is consistent with this policy. We also require that clients, customers, partners and suppliers are made aware of this policy and operate within it. We will provide adequate and appropriate resources to implement this policy and will ensure it is communicated and understood.

This policy statement is reviewed annually to reflect new legal and regulatory developments, as well as to promote good practice.

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