



## National SMSC Quality Mark Verification Report

**Name of School: Endeavour Academy**

**Headteacher: Margaret Rozario**

**Verification visit: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Margaret,

I am delighted to inform you that as a result of the recent verification visit, Endeavour School has been awarded **Gold** level of the National SMSC Quality Mark, and this has been confirmed by the Quality Assurance Panel.

Thank you for the warm welcome and comprehensive set of materials and evidence which included a very enjoyable filmed tour of the school. Despite being virtual, this helped to give a really clear picture of the school and all it has achieved in SMSC.

Please thank the KS3 and 4 students who talked to me. They were clear about the ways that Endeavour supports them both academically and pastorally, and particularly praised the staff who they described as, 'approachable, supportive and kind'.

The parents are clearly grateful for everything that Endeavour does for them. They recognise the way that the school goes the extra mile to ensure that their children feel safe and able to reach their potential in school. They appreciate the clear communication and the successful virtual coffee mornings. The Chair of Governors is a long-term friend and supporter of the school and talked about the journey the school has been on and how it continues to improve.

All the staff I spoke to were enthusiastic and passionate about providing the best education and support for the young people who attend Endeavour so it was welcome to hear that there are pastoral support systems place for them too.

I congratulate Endeavour School on the high standard of SMSC development that is afforded their pupils. Young Citizens will be in touch to discuss which aspects of your provision can be shared with other schools.

### **Strengths of the school's SMSC development:**

Through your self-evaluation and our discussions it is evident that there are numerous SMSC related strengths at Endeavour; the following are a few key examples:

- The way that SMSC is a creative thread that runs throughout everything the school does from assemblies to PSHE sessions to interventions and trips and therapy dogs in school.
- The school responds to every child's individual needs and this gives a strong wraparound pastoral support system that extends to home and each student's next life steps.

- The creation of a separate PSHE and careers room and a dedicated teacher gives pupils the opportunity to explore topics in greater depth and develop key life skills.

**Areas for development:**

- To continue to grow the parent coffee mornings to include face to face as well as virtual meetings.
- To continue to develop the PSHE offer now the room is up and running.
- To ensure the local community and beyond are aware of the good work that Endeavour does by ensuring a presence in local media where possible.

Verifier: Siân Rowland

SMSC Quality Mark Manager: Victoria Quijada

Please note that this award is recognised for 3 years and that re-verification should be sought by April 2024.