# NappyValleyNet

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#### What is your vision for the school?

As a proudly Christian school, our vision is underpinned by our mission statement 'Glorifying God through outstanding enjoyable education'. We want to be a great and exceptional school, to stand apart from the rest, to be known to do things differently so that learning experiences in and beyond the classroom are memorable and effective, leaving pupils with a well-rounded education; our Christian context results in pupils being proud of their faith and beliefs, to behave in a respectful and responsible way, and we help and challenge pupils to be socially mature and independent.

# What changes are you hoping to make? A greater emphasis on challenge for pupils at all levels, with a particular focus on higher

at all levels, with a particular focus on higher attaining pupils and their academic and personal development. To raise aspirations of all pupils, so they become confident learners irrespective of their background.

I want to establish partnerships with other schools - collaboration is key. We want to help other schools become better, while at the same time learning from others. Our local community is important to us - hosting events and engaging with charities, community groups and local businesses.

#### What challenges do you face?

Like every school in the country, we face shrinking resources in real terms. In the current climate it is incredibly challenging to create the conditions where teachers and support staff can fulfil their roles so pupils can achieve. My hope is that nationally there will be a review of funding into education and investment. Our children are this country's greatest and best resource.

#### Renata Joseph Head, St Cecilia's

Staff and pupils genuinely care about each other and relationships matter. All staff understand how their roles impact learning and achievement for pupils, and do the very best job they can, day in, day out. Pupils are confident - but not arrogant - and want to do well. My school is one with untapped potential and I believe I can make a difference. I love that it's co-educational -

reflecting life - and that it's inclusive.

What do you love about your new school?