




Beam Pupil Characteristics

“Two of the greatest gifts we can ever give our children are ‘roots’ and ‘wings’ ...” attributed to Maria Montessori (c.1870)

Value, attribute	Which element have we focused on?	Roots 	Community 	Wings 
1. growth in ‘self-regard’	Lead by example (inspiring) Self-acceptance	Belonging, Confident to make mistakes	Restoration, respectful, understanding, kind, encouraging	Empowered Supported Compassionate
	Self-esteem	A place to contribute, hope	Kind, Trust	‘skilled’ with empathy Self-knowledge
2. growth in ‘self-regulation’	Active Participation (striving)	Clear school routines so that boundaries are known	Shared successes, disciplined	leadership influence
	Ready	Knowing what ‘ready’ looks like in all aspects at Beam.	‘interdependence’ developing shared trust learning to collaborate	high trust – ‘independence’ emergent mastery
3. growth in ‘knowledge & skills’	Cultural Capital	Domain-specific skills, breadth of study	domain-specific mastery broad knowledge base	Secondary school ready Future knowledge for the workplace
	Empowerment	Applied reasoning, Depth of understanding Learning in context	meta-cognitive tools inter-disciplinary themes authentic overview	Awareness of self influential thinking
4. growth in ‘ethical optimism’	Equality, Social Justice & environmental	Consideration for others	Integrity, empathy	compassionate action sustainable advocacy
	Hope	examples of hope: in our school community	narratives of hope: across history, cultures & contexts	dreaming the future society