

Our Worldview

What a time to be alive.

Never before have there been so many possibilities in a young person's life. Technological, medical, financial, social and political advances have transformed what a student can do and achieve.

However, teenagers experience an education system built for a previous century, and a society in which success is defined in narrow and short-term ways.

They live on a planet which is being destroyed rather than stewarded and inhabit a culture which increasingly values division over community.

Whilst technology has brought great benefits, they experience the dark side of social media communication and "comparison culture", which has contributed to a mental health epidemic amongst young people.

Many students feel current pressure to achieve, to be perfect, to get into competitive universities, but there is also future pressure – our students experience greater uncertainty about their future than their parents' generation.

Oxford Scholastica gives students the tools, knowledge and confidence to thrive in this ever-changing, uncertain environment.

We exist to help young people make the most of the positive changes in the world, rather than feeling constrained by them.

We believe:

Active thinking is more valuable than passive thinking

We believe we should all have a bias towards agency of thought and action. This mindset opens up the potential for great possibilities and greater fulfilment, unencumbered by the expectations of others.

Collaboration for the good of the community is more valuable than independent progress

We believe a greater purpose exists than purely fulfilling our own needs. We believe agency should be channelled in a positive way for the benefit of others and we believe that, by coming together as a community, more things become possible.

Long-term thinking is more valuable than short-term thinking

We believe that when you think and plan for the long-term, you achieve more for yourself and for others.

We believe this belief system can be universally attainable for students regardless of background, nationality, gender, race, income etc.

Oxford Scholastica inspires and empowers young people to think for themselves and equips them with the skills to make positive change, enabling them to make informed choices about their future, as well as the futures of other people and the world.

By helping them to open their minds, find community, be inspired, and learn about what really interests them academically and matters to them personally, our programmes leave students more confident and more likely to achieve their goals. We alleviate the stress that external pressure and uncertainty cause.

In other words, we exist to change young people's futures and, in doing so, to change the world in a positive way.

