



# ASPIRATION

## Leasowes School Values

### The Bigger Picture

Apparently, in a small primary school in Hawaii, a young boy wrote in his book that one day he was going to become the president of the USA. That boy's name was Barack Obama. He studied hard all the way through his time at school, got amazing grades, and then achieved a place at Harvard University- one of the best universities in America- studying law. From there he taught and practised law, before turning his hand to politics. On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009, after a hard fought campaign, against all odds Obama became the first black president of America. He stayed in office until 2017, completing the maximum 8 years that any president can serve. Barack Obama has been so successful in life because he set himself extremely high **aspirations** from the start. He is seen by many as one of the most successful presidents ever.



**aspiration**  
*/aspə'reɪʃ(ə)n/*  
**noun**

**A hope or ambition of achieving something.**

We must all be **aspirational** in life so that we can become the best that we can be. Here are some tips to do this:

1. *Be proud of yourself. Show this pride in everything that you do*
2. *Aim your goals high. Then you will always achieve more than someone with less ambition.*



**Aspiration**  
*What are your ambitions for the future? What would you like to see yourself doing in twenty years' time? What or who has inspired this?*



*'Life is an aspiration. Its mission is to strive after perfection.'*  
Mahatma Ghandi

### British Values

One of the British Values is '**Individual Liberty**'. As British people, it is very important that we all have the freedom to aspire to be whoever we want to be.

At Leasowes we show **aspiration** by:

- Setting high expectations for ourselves
- Encouraging each other to be the best that we can be
- Building on what we already know, to make ourselves even better
- Being positive and driving new ideas forward.

### Food for Thought

*Although it might sometimes feel like people who are successful are just luckier than you, this is not the case. You make your luck by working hard and never giving up.*