

# The Lockhart Garden

The Lockhart Garden is rooted in the Catholic contemplative tradition, but is offered to all students and staff at Ratcliffe College who wish to visit, from any faith background. It is a space where one can quietly enjoy time to rest in the presence of God. The Garden acts as a sanctuary for stillness, prayer and contemplation. It is a place one can seek solitude away from the hurly-burly of our daily lives.

Community and friendship are fundamental to our daily lives here at Ratcliffe. The Garden welcomes small groups (up to 3) of students and staff to sit and whisper quietly, whilst being respectful of those around them. The Lockhart Garden is not an area for play, running, speaking loudly, shouting, large groups or silliness. It is a space that demands stillness to be enjoyed.

## Guidance for using The Lockhart Garden:

1. The space is not a play area and, therefore, **no ball games, running or noise**.
2. Large groups are not allowed to gather in the garden, except when going with your class or tutor group during scheduled sessions.
3. Small groups up to 3 can gather to speak in whispers together, but we would prefer that you simply sit and enjoy quiet time in one another's company.
4. Please be respectful and mindful of others who are using the space.
5. Do not damage property within the Garden or behave in such a way that is disrespectful to others.
6. The Grass areas are not to be used for sitting or walking on unless given permission by the Deputy Head Pastoral or your class teacher/tutor.

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Deputy Head Pastoral