

Wider Ambition is committed to actively promoting British values to ensure our students leave us fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

We take every opportunity to promote the fundamental British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Through the promotion of these values, Wider Ambition aims to ensure students:

- Understand the democratic process and how citizens can have a say in decision making.
- Recognise the advantages of living under the rule of law and how law is essential for a safe society.
- Understand that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary and why it exists.
- Understand the reasons for accountability of institutions and why courts maintain independence.
- Know why freedom of religion protects all faiths, as well as those with no faith.
- Show respect and appreciation for people who hold different religious beliefs and tolerance when those beliefs seem to be in conflict with their own.
- Value the importance of identifying and combatting extremism.

We promote British values both within and beyond the classroom and these values are at the heart of our ethos.

## **Democracy**

Student voice is important and helps students both to reflectively engage in their learning, and to consider or challenge the issues that are important to them at Wider Ambition. To support this process, a governor co-ordinates the 'student voice' across Wider Ambition and ensures that all students, are able and encouraged to make meaningful contributions to their education and the life of the Wider Ambition. Students are listened to by staff and are able to effect change.

Focused work, where appropriate, during PSHE sessions, engages students in considering what it means to be British and that being British is about living alongside others in a multi-cultural community. Students are encouraged to understand and welcome the viewpoints and practices, backgrounds and contributions that everyone makes to the country.

All students are given the opportunity to complete an annual 'Student Views' questionnaire that is used to inform their Annual Review.

There is a shared understanding of what is appropriate behaviour and this is promoted at all times.

## **The rule of law**

Students are taught the importance of laws, and how these might be applied to different groups of people.

They are also taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves, and the consequences when laws are broken.

## **Individual liberty**

Students are encouraged to make informed choices, supported by a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms, and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through E-Safety and PSHE work.

Wider Ambition promotes an anti-bullying culture.

## **Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**

Students are encouraged to understand that their behaviours have an effect on their own freedoms and those of others. All members of the Wider Ambition community treat each other with respect. They engage in protective behaviour programmes and awareness is promoted across the curriculum.

Opportunities are provided for students to visit places of significant cultural interest and visitors from a range of communities and organisations are invited into Wider Ambition to speak to students and share their values and experiences.

Wider Ambition supports a range of charities with which the students can identify. Wider Ambition plans fundraising and awareness raising activities to support these charities.