

British Values Statement

Promoting British values

RHSC is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. RHSC is dedicated to preparing pupils and students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its students.

The five British Values we promote are:

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

We use strategies within the national curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for pupils. The examples that follow show some of the many ways RHSC seeks to embed British values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is regularly reinforced at RHSC. Democratic processes are used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, the election of the school council and mock general elections. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as in tutor time and assemblies.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at RHSC.

Pupils are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by the code of conduct and our high expectations. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the police reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At RHSC, pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at

RHSC educate and provide boundaries for students to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety and PSHE lessons.

RHSC has a robust anti-bullying culture and has in place a comprehensive Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of RHSC. Pupils learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for pupils to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved though equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community. Pupils benefit from many international visitors, including students from other continents and cultures. Additionally, students are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivities throughout the calendar year. The Religious Studies curriculum, which is compulsory for all students up to the end of KS4, provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

RHSC has been accredited with the International Schools Award – (outstanding) works in partnerships with schools overseas to teach students about life in other countries and develop them as global citizens

RHSC strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our society.