

British Values at Greenbank

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This policy should be read in conjunction with other relevant Greenbank School policies.

Rationale

Greenbank's mission statement 'Learning and Succeeding Together' encapsulates the school ethos and values. Furthermore, our statement encompasses 'British Values' highlighted in the governments document 'Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools' (Departmental advice for maintained schools Nov '14) Cross curricular links allow students to gain knowledge, understanding and experience as to what it means to be a British citizen.

Aims and Purposes

Greenbank School recognises the importance of promoting 'British Values' in order to develop and instil the values identified below in its young people.

- Democracy
- Respect of the rule of law
- Appreciation of the rights of other citizens
- Individual liberty
- The promotion of opportunities for all
- Support for those who cannot, by themselves, sustain a dignified life-style
- Religious tolerance and respect for cultural diversity
- Treating others with fairness
- Participation in community life
- The contribution to, as well as the benefit from, cultural and economic resources

Implementation

Embedding 'British Values' throughout Greenbank School means:

- All students study Religious Education from Year 7 - 13 (following the County's approved syllabus).
- Schools pursuit of the RE Quality Mark.
- Dedicated timetabled weekly lessons of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education from Years 7 - 13; a specific citizenship module related to promotion of 'British Values'.
- Whole school 'Our Voice Our Council', sixth form and residential councils.
- Whole school assemblies which are underpinned by statements set out in government documents.
- The school's developing house system encourages involvement of every pupil in school life.
- Young Enterprise group is run in sixth form supporting whole school community events.
- Dedicated display areas highlighting past and current events.
- The school supports local, national and international themed events such as: Christians Against Poverty, Macmillan Nurses, Red Nose Day / Comic Relief, Jeans for Genes Day.
- Themed activities to promote and raise awareness e.g. Women's History Month March '16.
- RE pilot groups taught with the pedagogical approach of 'Philosophy for Children'.

Impact

"The impact of schools promotion of British values on students is not new. It is at the cornerstone of what we as a community have created and enforced in order to make clear to students a rigorous expectation that the promotion of the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs is key to their development as British citizens. Citizens who can make a contribution to their community"