

## **British Values at John Ruskin School**

At John Ruskin School we value and regularly promote British Values. We ensure our students have a clear understanding of what British Values mean and these, alongside our school vision, help to create truly 21<sup>st</sup> century citizens. The teaching of British Values at John Ruskin School is regularly audited to ensure that students receive full coverage of the knowledge, skills and understanding of the character required to be a successful contributor to British Society in adult life.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal or external sources. Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language displayed by pupils, staff, visitors or parents will always be challenged and, where appropriate dealt with.

We encourage pupils to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps are taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

John Ruskin School delivers an understanding of British Values through:

- Our lessons which explore topics as part of the curriculum, for example crime and punishment in history or value of Christian beliefs in RE
- Assemblies from staff with a clear message underpinned by British Values or our school vision and a range of outside speakers from different cultures, faiths and backgrounds
- Visitors such as Google employees from different countries, Maasai tribesmen or Japanese business men to explore understanding of other cultures and work alongside our students on real life projects
- Through our traditions of tolerance and respect evident during events such as the annual Fell Race, Big JRS Picnic and cross curricular days with different themes, for example, global learning, the Olympics and Brazil; the different countries taking part in the World Cup or The Lake District. We ensure students have an awareness of British Values through a wide range of class room experiences.
- Through responsibility being given to our young people via elections for Head Boy and Girl, prefects and community based activities such as the John Muir Award or Duke of Edinburgh
- In day to day lessons where speaking and listening activities, group and pair work in discussion encourage respect and tolerance of others and their ideas