



British values policy

Inscape House School

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Introduction

At Inscape House School we ensure that through our vision, values, expectations, curriculum and teaching we promote tolerance and respect for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles.

We take our duty to prepare our students for life in modern Britain very seriously, keeping them safe and promoting multicultural values. We promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), races, genders, ages, disability and sexual orientations (and other groups with protected characteristics).

General Overview

Our commitment to British Values is demonstrated through our PSHE and RESPECT lessons and assembly themes. We work to encourage development, support individuals and promote harmonious relationships between all members of Inscape House School; also, through interactions with the wider community, through charity work and work experience. Members of Inscape House School develop a sense of value, personal worth and dignity. Students are prepared for life in modern Britain through being given an awareness of E-safety, healthy relationships, financial matters, progression routes, academic integrity, the British political process and democracy.

The importance of positive role models, participation in enrichment opportunities and supporting national events and celebrations is also emphasised, Students are also encouraged to learn how to work both independently and collaboratively.

Our current curriculum includes the following topics:

- Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Economic, Political and Financial awareness
- Healthy Relationships
- e-Safety
- National Events and celebrations e.g. Remembrance, Holocaust Memorial week
- Internationalism
- Careers advice and guidance

We regularly celebrate and fundraise for charity events. On a general level, Inscape House School undertakes an assembly programme which upholds traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within class groups and/or in assemblies.

Promoting British Values

An enrichment programme provides opportunities to develop a wider skill set to support life in modern Britain. Relevant activities include:

- Work Experience
- First Aid
- Student Council

Our commitment to British Values is also demonstrated through our academic curriculum offer.

For example, in PSHE lessons we will explore safeguarding, rights of the child, and health and safety.

In Computing, students are taught about the legal implications of posting offensive / slanderous material on social media, cyber-bullying and cyber-security.

An understanding of the terms equal opportunities, discrimination, stereotyping, inclusiveness and prejudice are explored in RESPECT lessons.

The government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated by all politicians. At Inscape House School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy: Democracy is clearly evident within Inscape. Students have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our school council.

The election and activity of the student council and completion of student questionnaires puts into practice the concept of democracy. Our DOJO reward system includes rewards chosen by individual students to motivate them to take responsibility for themselves.

The Rule of Law: The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern learning, Inscape Positive Expectations, or the wider community, is consistently reinforced through one to one support for learners, assemblies, as well as when addressing challenging behaviours. Students are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are

broken. The concept of the Rule of Law is also reinforced through teaching activities in our curriculum.

Individual Liberty

Students are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. At Inscape we educate and provide boundaries for young people to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and we advise how to do this safely, for example through our E-Safety programme.

Inscape House School supports enquiry based learning through the curriculum. Students are able to choose their curriculum pathway as well as enrichment options. Many subjects offer a choice of investigation or research.

Promoting British Values

Inscape House School acknowledges important calendar events, such as Remembrance Day, through assembly themes.

Mutual Respect

Part of Inscape's ethos and our Positive Behaviour Support policy revolves around **our Positive Expectations**

- **I**n (independent)
- **S** (Safe and sensible)
- **C** (Considerate)
- **A** (Aim High)
- **P** (Be prepared)
- **E** (Engaged)

Students have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is demonstrated.

Additional mentoring support, including peer mentors, is given to individual students to help develop self - esteem and the concept of respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

This is achieved through enhancing student understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are regularly held, in addition to opportunities to discuss different faiths and beliefs.

Here at Inscape House School we feel our values are a true reflection of British values.