



Brentford School for Girls

Promoting British Values Policy

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The DfE has reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”

British values are intertwined into our core values as a school. Brentford School for Girls sees promoting British values as integral to developing the ‘Brentford Girl’. Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance are actively promoted throughout the entire school curriculum.

Some examples of Brentford School for Girls actively promoting British Values include:

Democracy

- A Student council is elected by peers who meet every month with the Headteacher to discuss issues raised.
- Head Girl elections take place annually, all students and staff has an opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate.
- Every subject conducts stakeholder’s views termly; students have the opportunity to be heard in every subject.

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 Brentford.
- Brentford has a clear behaviour policy which reflects fairness and equality. Pupils are 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.
- Visits from authorities such as the Police (PC Beale) help reinforce this message.
- Individual Liberty
- At Brentford, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and
- Supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for our students to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely.

Mutual Respect

- Mutual respect is at the heart of our core values. Students learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others.
- All members of the school community treat each other with mutual respect and any incidents that do not promote mutual respect are dealt with effectively.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

- Brentford is a richly diverse school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures.
- Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.
- The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths. Our SMSC student group actively promotes tolerance towards others within the school community.
- SMSC tutor tasks regularly celebrate difference and promote tolerance.