

Curriculum Information for Parents

Citizenship in Action

British Values

St Gabriel's promotes British values in a number of ways, but although a Roman Catholic secondary school, these values include the primacy of British civil and criminal law, religious tolerance and opposition to gender segregation. Information is posted regularly about the role and work of Catholic schools in England and Wales and why they were established to serve the Catholic communities in our country when the Catholic Church was re-established in 1850.

At St Gabriel's, British values are developed within our school curriculum and include:

- The fundamental British values of democracy (for example in the election, role and impact of our Pupil and Eco Councils)
- The rule of law (for example, in our clear code of conduct)
- Individual liberty (demonstrated through our pastoral system, enrichment activities that include sport, music and drama and charity work for CAFOD and Bury African Outreach)
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs (seen in our Pupil Chaplaincy Team where some members are members of other faith communities including Islam and the Church of England)

We have an exceptionally strong moral code based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ. Ultimately this is found in the Beatitudes: "to love God and love our neighbour". Such a command is evidenced frequently throughout the school day: relationships between students and staff; between students themselves; the vast range of voluntary commitment that occurs and a curriculum that places above all the student at its very heart. Indeed we seek to develop the whole person as set out in our mission statement that is displayed around the school and is evidenced in the community we are.

Curriculum

British values can be evidenced in:

- RE in all year groups; prejudice and discrimination, other faiths, beliefs and values
- History – the development of the role of parliament and the second world war
- Geography – Human geography, wealth and the distribution of resources
- Business Studies in KS4 – Ethics of Business
- Elections for the Youth Parliament – outside speakers, keynote speakers; students who have previously been nominated through a ballot and hustings in school have stood for election for the Youth Parliament. We have a MYP in Year 10 representing Bury
- Sustainable Development: science, our Eco-Council and in PRE

Enrichment

Students have the opportunity to share in British values in a number of ways. They are not necessarily explicitly described as such:

- Students councils, Chaplaincy Team, Pupil Ambassadors
- Summer BBQ for charitable causes
- School Prom for Year 11
- The marking of national events through assemblies, information, activities (e.g. World Cup Football, Olympic Games London, Commonwealth Games, Royal Wedding)