



Promoting British Values

The Bohunt Education Trust (BET) is committed to the promotion of fundamental British values; values which underpin a modern, civilised society of which we can be proud.

The Petersfield School is proud of its inclusive ethos and its commitment to its stated values of enjoyment, respect and achievement. At the heart of these values lie good relationships in which teachers and students work together towards common goals.

The Petersfield School is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The Government sets out its definition of British values in the 2011 'Prevent Strategy' and gives further guidance in the 2014 document 'Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools'.

Our dedication to ensuring that our young people leave the school as independent and responsible citizens means that our work supports and fulfils the school's duty to promote British Values, as defined by the above DFE documents.

The five British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The Petersfield School uses strategies within the National Curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The Bohunt Education Trust's Values of "Enjoy, Respect and Achieve" which all the schools in the Bohunt Education Trust adopt as their values, embody British values at their core. The examples that follow show some of the many ways in which The Petersfield School seeks to embed British values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at The Petersfield School, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for Tutor, Year and Whole School Council members. The principle of democracy is also explored in the PSCE, History and Religious Studies

curriculums as well as in tutor time, through the assembly programme, whole school events running in line with national events/current affairs and Student Voice.

Classrooms are run along democratic principles. Students are given equal opportunities to contribute orally. No one individual is allowed to dominate and to steal time from the majority.

The Rule of Law

BET promotes the importance of the rule of law. The importance of laws, whether they are those which govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced within The Petersfield School.

Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school which are highlighted by school behaviour expectations and the school behaviour policy. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

BET educates and provides boundaries for students to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment.

At The Petersfield School, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at The Petersfield School educate and provide boundaries for students to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education.

Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety lessons and PSCH work.

The Petersfield School has a robust Anti Bullying policy and a comprehensive Behaviour for Learning policy which we regularly review and make improvements to maintain a purposeful and respectful learning environment.

Mutual Respect

Respect is a strong part of The Petersfield School and is part of our Mission Statement and Values. Students learn that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of our school community are expected to treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through both our teaching and our learning environments. Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of other Faiths and Beliefs

BET actively promotes cultural diversity. At The Petersfield School, tolerance for all is achieved through equipping our students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving opportunities to experience such diversity within our school community. Students are given opportunities to share their faith and beliefs The Global Education curriculum, which is compulsory for all students up until the end of KS4, provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

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The Petersfield School strives endlessly to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and a successful contribution to our Society. There are many visits, trips and opportunities for pupils to learn all about other faiths, creeds and cultures not just in this country but around the world.

In summary, The Petersfield School prepares students for life in a complex modern Britain. Our data illustrates that the vast majority of our students go on to take part fully as civilised members of society who experience a range of roles throughout their lives. We wish our students to become good employees, caring partners and parents, active citizens and engaged friends and we work hard in school to ensure that these core values are promoted for all.

(We will actively challenge students, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to British values, including 'extremist' views. In instances where 'extremist' views are encountered, The Petersfield School will refer to the Local Authority's Prevent Strategy and will act as necessary).

The Bohunt Education Trust's promotion of these core values ensures a steady progression of attitudes and qualities.

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