

### **Why are British Values at Telford College important?**

At Telford College, we believe British Values are greatly important to us as a college community. British values identify how we should conduct ourselves in being a citizen in Great Britain today, with a diverse population that contributes to our society; this is increasingly prevalent today and in the future.

The promotion of these values to our students, are undertaken through the Every Learner Matters themed weeks, we also plan to embed these into student work across all curriculum areas, for September 2015.

In 2014, the Department of Education published guidance on promoting British values in schools to ensure young people leave school and college prepared for life in modern Britain and these values were first set out in the 'Prevent' strategy in 2011.

The five definitions of British values are as follows:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of Law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual Respect**
- **Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**

Our aim with these British Values at Telford College is as follows:

- Help students to become valuable and rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background
- Promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different beliefs and faiths to students
- Ensure young people understand the importance of respect and leave college fully prepared for life in modern Britain
- Celebrate difference and promote diversity
- Encourage an understanding of the difficulties other cultures face where such values are not respected

We will:

- Embed different materials about democracy and how the law works into different college curriculum areas, with identified staff development and training.
- All our students have a voice that is listened to and valued through, Class Representatives, student council, Class rep meeting (cross college), Class rep meetings with schools, surveys, Student council Principal question time, thus demonstrate how democracy works through promoting democracy.

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- Use opportunities such as general elections and debates to promote British values and help students to argue and defend different points of view
- Actively consult with our student representatives to gather student views and feedback on key college policies that effect the student body
- Encourage student participation in working with the wider community and commemorating key events such as Holocaust Memorial Day and Armistice Day to gain an understanding of how British values have evolved
- Encourage students to become responsible learners and to actively participate in their own learning and development

**Please see next page for a diagram to see where different events within the College link to British values.**

## Democracy

- Class Reps
- Student Council
- Surveys
- Principal Question Time
- MP Visits
- Voter Registration days
- Democracy workshops

## Rule of Law

- Discipline process
- ID Badges
- Citizenship code
- Sports Academy behaviour code
- IT User Policy

## Mutual Respect

- Sports Academy behaviour code
- Citizenship code
- Black History Month
- Armistice day
- Karma Nirvana
- Inspiring Women
- Social Media
- Anti-Bullying workshops

## Individual Liberty

- Career and Employability workshops
- Health and Wellbeing
- Safeguarding
- PREVENT
- Karma Nirvana
- Money management
- LGBT
- Inspiring Women

## Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

- Interfaith events
- Multi-faith
- Prayer Room
- Cultural Celebrations
- PREVENT