

British Values - Politics

Respect civil and criminal law

- We teach units at AS & A2 about the justice system in the UK. We learn about the structure of the court system and the role of government in passing legislation and sentencing requirements.
- We learn about civil liberties and rights and responsibilities that citizens have.
- Learn about social contract theory and different viewpoints on justice
- Justice: how justice works, rights & responsibilities.

Appreciate viewpoints of others on ethical issues

- At AS a core topic is the Human Rights Act – we examine the act in depth and learn about its key features. We also learn about case studies using the Human Rights Act and debate if the HRA is fit for purpose.
- Liberalism and importance of tolerance
- Lesson debates considering other points of view

Acceptance and engagement with fundamental British values of democracy

Politics is all about actively promoting the fundamental British values of democracy through learning about:

- Parliamentary democracy, local, regional and national governments; the British political system; laws and why we need them.
- Direct vs representative models of democracy including Brexit referendum
- Voting systems
- Ideologies of political parties
- Key general elections including 1997, 2010, 2019, 1979
- Democracy, monarchy & constitutional history including the political parties; the History of the franchise
- Improving our democracy
- Rights protection in UK including human rights

Respect for other faiths and cultures:

- Tolerance within liberalism
- Established faith in UK vs separation of church and state in US
- Religious and political pluralism

Contribute positively to life in Modern Britain

Students actively contribute positively through:

- Students learn about the importance of democracy and voting
- Students have taken part in mock elections and hustings
- Guest speakers including MPs, ministers, academics, philosophers and those that work for think tanks/pressure groups

Actively fighting extremism and radicalisation

- We discuss extremism and radicalisation as part of our study on civil liberties and rights & responsibilities.
- Limits of rights protection; hate speech, inciting violence and discrimination

The Politics society is open to all 6th form - debates, speakers as above, panel discussions