



BRITISH VALUES

The College aims to support all its young people in being prepared for life in modern Britain.

The College has a duty to actively 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.

To this end we aim for our students to become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.

Democracy

At Hewens College, democracy is a concept that is explored and promoted within Humanities subjects, as well as cross curricular and during form time. The Student Council is a democratically elected, active and thriving group, ensuring students have a voice in the College.

The rule of law

Our students will encounter rules and laws throughout their lives. We want them to understand that whether these laws govern their lessons, the College, the community or the country, they are set for good reason and they must adhere to them. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Members of Parliament are regular parts of our calendar and help reinforce this message.

Individual liberty

At Hewens College, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, knowing that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. As a College we educate and provide boundaries for students to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment. Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and receive advice about how to exercise these safely, for example through workshops about online safety and safe social media use.

Mutual respect

The College promotes respect for others and for our surroundings, evidenced by our classroom and College environment. Students are taught the importance of listening and constructive debate in subjects such as English, History and Citizenship. Assemblies and PSHE provide opportunities for students to understand the importance of mutual respect, and what happens when this is lacking. The College's Behaviour and Relationships Policy places emphasis on the importance of young people having healthy, respectful relationships with their peers and with adults.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The College aims to equip students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity within the College community and beyond. Our Humanities and RE curriculum provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures. We celebrate the religious traditions of a range of faiths in College. Trips and visits, including abroad, enhance students' perceptions of the world around them as well as of their local area.