

British values statement

We are committed to serving our community and recognises the multi-cultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. We also understand the vital role the academy plays in ensuring that groups or individuals within the academy are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

We follow equality guidance which endeavours to ensure there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar. We are dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal, examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all our students.

The five key British values* are:

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

The academy uses strategies within the national curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that follow show some of the many ways we seek to instill British values.

* Definition set by the government in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

Democracy
Democracy is embedded at the academy. Students are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Students also have the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council, Big Brother video diary room and questionnaires.
The rule of law
The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the academy, or the country, are consistently reinforced at our academy. Students are taught from first day the rules of the academy. These are our own academy rules applicable at all times. Each class also discusses and sets its own rules that are clearly understood by all and seen to be necessary to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment. Students are taught the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message. The academy has its own 'Safer Schools Partnership' Police Officer on site.
Individual liberty
At our academy, students are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we 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 advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our eSafety, CED days and PSHE lessons.
Mutual respect
Respect is one of the core values of our academy. Our students were fully involved in the creation of our academy values and it is deeply embedded in all that we do here. The students know and understand that it is expected and imperative that respect is shown to everyone, whatever differences we may have and to everything, however big or small. The core value of Respect at Ormiston Horizon Academy underpins our work every day both in and out of the classroom.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our core value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Ormiston Horizon Academy enhances students understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies, assemblies, CED days and PSHE lessons. At our academy we actively challenge students, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.