



BRITISH VALUES

Within Aston Academy, we promote British values, individual liberty and respect for the law. We value the diversity of backgrounds and religious beliefs of all students, families and the wider school community. This enriching approach teaches tolerance and respect, ensuring that our young people understand the importance of respect and leaves their education fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

The Department of Education states that there is a need:

“To create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to 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”.

The Department for Education defines British Values as follows:

- Respect for democracy and support or participation in the democratic process
- Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England
- Support for equality of opportunity for all
- Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- Respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

Our academy reflects British Values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our students through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive contribution to British society and to the world. We encourage our students to be creative, unique, open minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and others.

At Aston Academy we actively promote British Values in the following ways:

THE RULE OF LAW

- The academy follows the rules of law. We all follow the same rules.

DEMOCRACY

- The principle of democracy is promoted in the curriculum as well as during assemblies and through the elections for student council representatives.
- Student voice is high on our agenda at the academy. Students have various opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have both a year group and a whole school council which are made up of representatives from form groups across the academy. All students have the opportunity to run for the position of year group councillor. Members of the council are democratically elected with elections being held within form groups.
- All students are encouraged to debate topics of interest, express their views and make a meaningful contribution to the running of the academy on matters that directly involve the students.
- Students have the opportunity to have their voices heard through student questionnaires and student surveys.

CORE VALUES

- Within the curriculum, we teach mutual respect for others.
- Personal freedom from coercion is a right.
- The academy teaches tolerance and equal treatment for all people.
- School rules and expectations are clear, fair and regularly promoted in class, through assemblies and fair play in sport.
- We promote British institutions through visits from authorities such as the Police who help to reinforce the value and reasons behind law enforcement. Our Community Police Officer talks to students in assemblies and in class around issues such as keeping safe and making the right choices.
- We recognise our country's sovereignty and celebrate royal occasions.
- We promote the love of our country.
- Fundraising to support charities plays a significant part in the life of the academy.