

**British Values Statement** 



At Scott College the promotion of the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs takes place in a wide range of opportunities and experiences.

### **Democracy**

Democracy can be seen as a state of society characterised by equality of rights and privileges. It can also refer to our nation's electoral systems.

The principle of democracy is consistently reinforced at Scott College, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, such as our first school uniform, student councils and prefects.

The principle of democracy is also explored in the history and PiXL Edge curriculum as well as in our assemblies and Tutor Time. Each year we are visited by a local MP and hold a school visit to the Houses of Parliament.

Scott College students are active participants in the Plymouth Youth Council.

#### The Rule of Law

All people and institutions are subject to and accountable to law that is fairly applied and enforced.

The importance of laws, including those that govern the class, Scott College, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Scott College.

Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school and sign up to these. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

The laws governing medical ethics, data, safeguarding, confidentiality and more are explored in detail in Health and Social Care and Psychology.

Drug and alcohol advice and training takes part as part of our PHSE sessions with The Zone.

## **Individual Liberty**

Individual liberty suggests the free exercise of rights generally seen as outside Government control.

Students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment, where we learn from our mistakes.

Students are encouraged to consider their options and exercise these at transition points and are supported in doing so by our careers advisers.

## **Mutual Respect**

The proper regard for an individual's dignity, which is reciprocated.

Respect is an integral part of the culture at Scott College. Behaviour in lessons is respectful and students recognise the consequences of disrupting others learning.

All members of the school community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through teaching and learning, where respect is reinforced.

Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment, in small classes.

#### Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

A fair, objective, and permissive attitude to those whose faith and beliefs may differ from one's own.

This is achieved through equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the school community.

We teach tolerance through our Health and Social Care, History and Psychology curriculum and hear from external speakers from a range of backgrounds in Healthcare professions.

Our students are taught tolerance through assemblies and tutor times including assemblies delivered by students who have been on Holocaust Memorial visits to Poland.

# **Scott Medical and Healthcare College**