



PSHE & BRITISH VALUES AT Lymm High School

At Lymm High School we prepare our students for life in modern Britain through the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages children to develop tolerant attitudes towards other faiths and cultures. We aim to give students an understanding of the culture around them and how it differs from others as well as a sense of what it means to be British.

The Department for Education have recently reinforced the need for all schools to 'promote the fundamental British values of:

1. Democracy
2. The rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect, and
5. Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

At Lymm High School, these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

DEMOCRACY

We have a student council which meets regularly to discuss issues raised. The council is genuinely able to effect change within the school and every student on the parliament has been voted in by other students through a democratic election process. We also have regular events to promote the importance of participation in the democratic process; for example, a mock general election and EU referendum as well as a recent 'Question Time' event where local politicians from different political parties attended. One of our 'drop down days' as part of the Life Programme also has the theme of 'democracy'

THE RULE OF LAW

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Lymm High School. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help to reinforce this message. Our PCSO and Youth Engagement Officer come into school regularly to meet with our young people. They deliver sessions such as those on Sexting, CSE and on-line safety. Activities such as the 'Princes Trust Programme' target specific students and support them in developing strategies to make positive choices which are within the law. Our School Police Officer supports students and families in understanding the Rule of Law.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

At Lymm High School, 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 e-safety assemblies and the Life Programme. Students learn about human rights and threats to civil liberties through the curriculum and the Life Programme as well as in the Humanities curriculum.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values and ethos. Students learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect. Pastoral Restorative Justice systems support this and help students to understand accountability and the impact of their behaviour on others. The School Council and Sixth Form Leadership structures encourage students to take responsibility as citizens through their support for the school and for other students. Leadership training in PE lessons, for example, supports students in developing an understanding of rights and responsibilities and being part of a team. The Leadership Ladder, Buddy Programme, Afritwin and new anti-bullying ambassadors encourage students to support each other whilst working alongside each other. One of our drop down days in the Life Programme has the theme of 'Staying Safe, Staying Happy' and this touches on many issues relating to mutual respect.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

At Lymm we actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures in Religious Education lessons and activities such as those on European Day of Languages. The Life Programme reinforces messages of tolerance and respect for others. In addition, subjects such as Music, Drama and English celebrate the similarities and differences between cultures and promote tolerance of all. (More detailed information can be found in the SMSC audit and Life Programme overview)