



Promoting British values

Our school recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. The way of living in our country has changed significantly and continues to evolve rapidly. Bramhall High school is aware of these shifts in the community it serves, both locally and nationally, and endeavours to educate our young people to live their lives as responsible citizens who are accepting of British values.

Families no longer have the sole responsibility of instilling a sense of morality into the next generation; it is also increasingly the responsibility of educators. As educators at Bramhall, we see our role as vital in ensuring groups or individuals within our school community are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them. For example, one change has seen our young people exposed to a wide range of media; even with the best parental vigilance, young people may be exposed to sensitive material at an inappropriate age. This we address through our curriculum and in partnership with parents/carers.

We must work together with parents/carers to ensure our students become fully rounded members of society. That our young people treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background; that difference is something to celebrate and not to divide us. We aim to nurture young people in their journey through life so they can grow into caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference in society.

We believe that our students are entitled to high quality learning experiences to enable them to be the best they can be. At Bramhall, we encourage all to **'Imagine, Discover, Enquire, Create'** so that individuals become confident, open-minded, independent and unique fostering respect for themselves and for others in our school, our community, our country and the wider world.

Bramhall High School is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum. We aim to ensure that British values are reinforced and promoted within our school community.

The five British Values are:

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



Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently reinforced in our school with democratic processes being used for important decisions within the school community. The processes are evident in our Student Leadership elections; all students have full involvement in the democratic process of electing representatives and all have a voice in decision making through their representatives. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as in core time and assemblies.



The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they be those governing the classroom, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced at Bramhall. Students are taught the rules and expectations of the school. These are highlighted by the **Bramhall Way**, our school's Behaviour for Learning policy. Students are taught the value of and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from external agencies such as the Police and Fire Service reinforce this message as does deeper learning that takes place during Skills for Life days when we deliver our SMSC curriculum.



Individual liberty

At Bramhall, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a secure and supportive environment. Our staff provide consistent 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 are advised on how to exercise these safely through e-safety sessions, Skills for Life days (SMSC), assemblies and core time activities. Our students understand they have the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs and that this freedom is protected in law. Students are encouraged to explore their own cultures and beliefs and develop understanding and respect for those who hold different beliefs or come from different cultures.

Bramhall has a robust anti-bullying culture and a comprehensive Behaviour for Learning Policy. We are a Restorative School and pride ourselves in fostering positive relationships between peers and between students and staff and in our local community.



Mutual Respect

Respect is in the very fabric of Bramhall High School; it is a fundamental part of our core values and the cornerstone of all relationships within our school community

Students learn how their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others and are always encouraged to think through potential outcomes for their actions. Restorative approaches meetings always focus on any harm done and how others have been made to feel.

All members of the school community treat one other with respect and this is reiterated through our teaching and learning environments. Mutual respect is embraced throughout the curriculum by providing the opportunity for students to express their views in a safe environment.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Our students are equipped with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse British society. This is reinforced in school by young people being given the opportunities to experience diversity within the school community. Students study the intolerance of the slave trade and the Holocaust in different curriculum areas. Students benefit from international visitors, including students from other continents and cultures. Additionally, students are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the school and celebrate festivities throughout the calendar year. The Religious Studies curriculum, which is compulsory for all students, provides a broad and balanced education on a range of faiths, religions and cultures.

The adults and students at Bramhall High strive unceasingly to ensure that young people leave us with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a happy and successful life. We also hope they will make a successful contribution to British society. As the great American President, Franklin Roosevelt once said, *"We cannot always build the future for our young people, but we can build our young people for the future."*

