

British Values at Lathom High School

The fundamental British values, first set out by the government in the ‘Prevent’ strategy in 2011 and reinforced through further Department for Education advice in November 2014 are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Actively promoting these values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to fundamental British values.

At Lathom High School we believe that our statement of vision and values, found on the school’s website, makes explicit our fundamental belief in these values. This statement is the foundation of all our work with our students.

Our core values centre around 3 words “Enjoy, Believe, Achieve” and they are at the heart of everything we do and everything we ask of our staff, students and parents, and wider community.

Through assemblies all students are spoken to about the importance of being PROUD, about themselves, their school and their community. Explanations of PROUD are provided visually all around the school for the benefit of our community, visitors and all stakeholders.

PERSEVERANCE	RESPONSIBILITY	OWNERSHIP	UNDERSTANDING	DETERMINATION
Always try your best Don’t be afraid to make mistakes – they are proof that you are trying. Be a strong person and be yourself Get plenty of sleep so you are ready to learn Complete all homework on time Drink lots of water to stay hydrated	Respect yourself and others Be safe Only use mobile phones at times allowed Keep privacy settings high on all social networking sites Report inappropriate behaviour or internet use to a member of staff Do not bring energy or fizzy drinks into school Respect the school environment	Behave well at all times Admit to your mistakes Wear your blazer/jumper and tie at all times Tuck your shirt in Wear the correct footwear Remove your coat inside the building Bring the right equipment in for learning	Treat others with kindness No Bullying No Swearing Do not go out of bounds Do not graffiti No chewing gum Use social network responsibly	Have goals and work hard to achieve them Be on time for all lessons Wear your uniform with pride Be proud of yourself Never give up

We believe the values of ‘PROUD’ are evident in the work we do within our school and local community.

Our newly introduced House system with vertical tutoring is an example of this. Created to support the launch of our new school identity in September 2015, our four houses are named after Great Britons – Bronte, Livingstone, Radcliffe, Rosalind – names which were chosen democratically by the students. The new House System promotes fundamental British Values through competition, collaboration and a sense of community.

To prepare our students for life in Modern Britain we offer positions of responsibility in school. Students wishing to be a Senior Prefect or Sports Captain complete a rigorous selection process including written application form and a formal interview. Students wishing to be a House Captain or Charity Champion put themselves forward for election by their peers.

Both through the House System and throughout the wider school, we offer a range of sporting, creative and academic extra curricular activities to choose from, including football, athletics, drama, music, art, ICT, homework and a large number of teacher support sessions. These promote self-development, self-esteem, confidence, understanding of the concept of ‘fair play’, following and developing rules, inclusion, celebrating and rewarding success, being magnanimous in defeat and participation in activities that promote kinship and affiliation with others.

We use opportunities that arise to promote fundamental British Values and provide students with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view - for example Year 9 students took part in mock meetings of the Council to learn more about how West Lancashire Borough Council operates. The events were planned as part of annual Local Democracy Week, which aims to raise young people’s awareness of local government and the important role played by Councils. This year’s main theme was ‘Living together in multicultural societies; respect, dialogue, interaction.’ The Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, welcomed groups of young people into the Council Chamber and the students participated in a mock voting exercise. Members of the Council were also in attendance. The school appointed student, James Richmond as ‘chief officer’ to help run the mock meetings alongside the Mayor. The remaining students acted as “councillors” getting a taste of the debating and decision-making process in the Council Chamber. After discussing each topic the students undertook a mock voting exercise.