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What are 'British Values'



- According to the Government, British Values are;
 - **1. DEMOCRACY**-Being able to influence the decision making process through the democratic process
 - 2. The RULE OF LAW- Knowing that living under the rule of law protects the individual
 - **3. INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY** -Having the freedom and protection to choose and hold the belief / faith you want
 - 4. MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE Accepting that other people have their own faiths / beliefs / opinions, and that this is tolerated and not be the cause of discriminatory behaviour



DEMOCRACY- Being able to influence the decision making process through the democratic process

• This means being able to vote for a Government, local councillors and representatives in elections that are free and fair.

DID YOU KNOW??

Anyone can be an MP as long as they;

- Are over 18
- Are British / Irish / Member of the Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland or Cyprus or Malta
- You can find 10 people in the constituency to support you
- Pay a deposit of £500
- Are **not** a Policeman, judge, Bishop or Lord
- Are **not** currently bankrupt
- Have <u>not</u> committed a criminal offence where you were in jail for more than a year









Because anyone can try to be an MP, lots of people do – even if they have no hope. That's being British! **THE RULE OF LAW** - Knowing that living under the rule of law protects the individual

- We have laws in place to protect the rights and freedom of all citizens.
- All UK citizens must obey the law and are equal under it.





 The idea being that the rule of law can not be corrupted by the Government in power, and no-one, despite how wealthy or powerful they are is above the law;



- Chris Huhne, a potential leader of the Lib Dems tried to get his wife to accept his speeding points (perverting the course of justice) for which he was jailed for 8 months
- Tory peer Lord Hanningfield was jailed for nine months in 2011 after being convicted of falsely claiming nearly £14,000 in parliamentary expenses. His defence was he did nothing wrong, only what everyone else was doing.



This also includes some pretty strange ones;



- It is illegal to have a pigsty in front of your house that can be seen
- It is illegal to sing a rude song in the street
- In London, you can not fire a cannon or any weapon larger within 300 yards of a house
- You are not allowed to drive cattle through any London street between 10am and 7pm but you can after
- You are not allowed to use a taxi, the bus or the tube if you have the Plague
- Black cabs are not allowed to carry rabid dogs or corpses
- Only the Queen can eat a Swan
- It is illegal to be drunk and in charge of a cow in Scotland
- No person may enter the wreck of the Titanic without getting permission (despite it being more than 3 miles under the sea)
- It is illegal to cause a nuclear explosion

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY- Having the freedom and protection to choose and hold the belief / faith you want



- You can be what you want to be and believe what you want to believe, as long as you don't break any laws.
- People have the right to freedom of speech as long as it does not incite racism, hate or threaten British values.









Unlock the Labs



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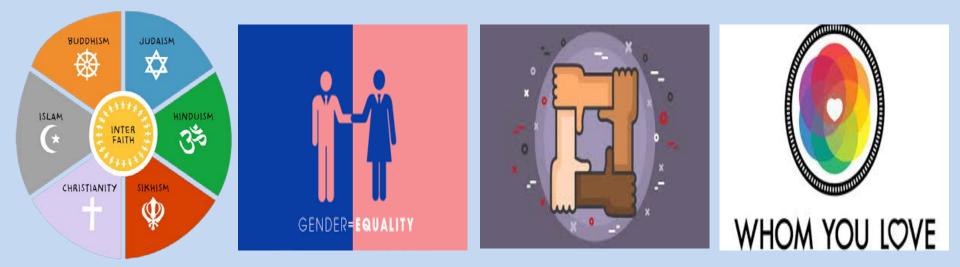
You might not like/agree with them – but it's a very British Value to accept they have the right to exist.

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE



Accepting that other people have their own faiths / beliefs / opinions, and that this is tolerated and must not be the cause of discriminatory behaviour

- Everyone is treated the same regardless of faith, sex, colour, or sexual orientation
- Not only must your ideals be tolerated, but you have to tolerate other people's ideals as well, as much as you might not like them



How do we promote and demonstrate British values?

British values are Gospel Values









DEMOCRACY

Service and Sacrifice Humility and Gentleness

RULE of LAW Truth and Justice Forgiveness and Mercy

British values are rooted in Gospel values and the Beatitudes

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Faithfulness and Integrity Purity and Holiness MUTUAL RESPECT & TOLERANCE

Dignity and Compassion Tolerance and Peace

We Are What We Do

We are what we do. So who are you?

What could you do to be a better you?

Which British and Gospel Values/Beatitudes will you demonstrate in order to make a positive contribution to our college community?





Dear Lord,

Help us to be inspired by British and Gospel Values and make a positive contribution to our college community. With your support we will do our very best to be:

- **Faithful** in our relations with others and with God; displaying **integrity** at all times.
- **Compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and show **dignity** to earn respect.
- People of **humility** grateful for our own gifts; for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day; and **gentle** with our gifts, becoming people who support others.
- **Truthful** in what we say of ourselves and others in the pursuit of **justice**.
- **Forgiving** of the deeds of others and ourselves with the desire to show **mercy** by finding God in all things.
- **Pure** in heart so we can see God; living a life of **holiness** following in Jesus's example.
- **Tolerant** in our acceptance of the diverse nature of society and the country we live in, whilst seeking **peace** in order to be children of God.
- People of **service** to imitate the 'Servant King'; advocating the call to **sacrifice** for the benefit of others.

Amen.





My commitment to demonstrating British and Gospel Values

Which British and Gospel Values/Beatitudes will you demonstrate in order to make a positive contribution to St Michael's?









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