



## **TRADITIONAL BRITISH VALUES**

The DfE have recently reinforced the need to *"create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs"*.

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent strategy and these values were reiterated in 2014. At Oakwood Academy these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways. We keep an up to date audit of how this is delivered and monitored through the curriculum.

### **Democracy**

Oakwood promotes democracy and holds annual elections to the School Council and Parental Governor elections. Each year pupils and parents have many opportunities for their voice to be heard. The School Council meets each half term and has its own Council budget and development plan and is able to affect real change within school.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of laws and consequences are consistently reinforced through assembly time, active tutorial time and whole school behaviour policies. Regular visits from the emergency services has embedded the message that we must all live by rules that are there to protect us and that there are consequences for those who break these rules.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within Oakwood, pupils are encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe, supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young people to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to do this safely through our E:Safety and PSHE lessons.

### **Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values at Oakwood Academy. All members of the school community are encouraged to treat each other with respect. All pupils are asked to sign a Code of Conduct for acceptable behaviour.

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs; we place a great emphasis on promoting diversity. Assemblies are regularly planned to address this issue either directly or indirectly through the celebration of different faiths and cultures.