

Promoting British Values

Angel Oak Academy is committed to serving its community. It recognises the multi-cultural, multi faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom. It also understands the vital role it has in ensuring that groups or individuals within the academy are not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them.

It follows equal opportunities guidance which guarantees that there will be no discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, political or financial status, or similar.

Our Academy is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum and ensuring that it promotes and reinforces British values to all its students.

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key 'British Values' are taught in all UK schools. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy.

The five British Values are:

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

The academy uses strategies within the National curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for students. The examples that follow show some of the many ways academy seeks to embed British values.

Democracy

The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at Angel Oak Academy, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the academy community, for instance, elections being held for House Captains and RRS Ambassadors. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as in lesson time and assemblies.

The rule of law

The importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the academy, or the country, are consistently reinforced at our academy.

Students are taught the rules and expectations of the academy which are highlighted by the student code of conduct and student expectations. Students are taught the value and the reasons behind laws that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken

Individual liberty

At Angel Oak Academy, students are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at academy 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 are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through e-safety and independent work.

Mutual Respect

Angel Oak Academy is a UN rights respecting school. Students learn that their behaviours have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the academy community treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through its teaching and learning environments.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

This is achieved through equipping students with the ability to understand their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving the opportunities to experience such diversity within the academy community. Students benefit from a number of visits and visitors, including students from other cultures. Additionally, students are actively encouraged to share their faith and beliefs within the academy 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.