



# MARATHON SCIENCE SCHOOL

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## British Values Policy

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## Introduction

As Marathon Science School, we believe that the role of school is much bigger than providing good education to young people, we embrace our wider role in preparing our pupils for their life after school. We want them to be active and fruitful members of the society. Therefore part of our role in that preparation is to promote British values.

The Department for Education has published guidance on promoting British values in schools to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain in 2014. We all have a duty to 'actively 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. These values were first set out by the government in the 'Prevent' strategy in 2011.



Prevent workshops by Hackney Police – September 2019



Prevent seminar by Hackney Police – September 2019

**Democracy:** The principle of democracy is consistently being reinforced at Marathon School, with democracy processes being used for important decisions within the school community, for instance, elections being held for school student council. The principle of democracy is also explored in the History and Religious Studies curriculum as well as assemblies. Also providing our children with a broad knowledge of and promoting respect for public institutions and services e.g. Visits to Parliament, councillor visits into school, visits from Police.



*Parliament Week preparations*



Student councillor candidate making a speech



Visit to Parliament

**The rule of law:** The importance of laws are consistently reinforced at Marathon School. Pupils 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. We promote respect for the law and regulation.



*Hackney Police visit to Boarding House*

**Individual liberty:** At Marathon School, pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely.



Barrister's visit to Marathon School



Student councillor making a presentation

**Mutual Respect:** Mutual respect is a strong part of everyday life at Marathon School. It is expected of pupils and staff alike and is reflected interaction with each other. Pupils learn that their behaviours has an effect on their own rights and those of others. Also outside the classroom, there are other activities such as food festivals and cultural activities to involve not only the pupils but also the families with local community. We believe it is important to facilitate opportunities to be part of the community as the pupils, families and staff have much to offer in the development of community cohesion

**Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** Although as a school we have only Muslim boys, we fully appreciate the importance of enhancing a pupil's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and giving them opportunities to experience that diversity. We promote respect for individual differences and help pupils to acquire an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures and ways of life.



A Marathon staff and a pupil welcoming neighbours