

## **Kuwait National English School – Secondary Department**

### **Teaching British Values – Britishness**



Kuwait National English School is accredited by the British School overseas (BSO) as such we promote the five British Values: Democracy, The rule of law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect and Acceptance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Teaching British values at our school is an important way to enable students to embrace the key values that they need to be equipped for life in modern democratic society. Through promoting the British values of Democracy, Mutual Respect, and Acceptance for those with different faiths and beliefs, students at our school develop self-knowledge, are better able to make the right choices and make contributions to the wider school and their community.

#### **Democratically elected student council**

Kuwait National English School has a student leadership council which meets regularly. There are representatives from each year group on the student council, ensuring that a breadth of opinions is heard. Each week, the team meets to discuss matters affecting their experiences of school. The representatives are elected annually to ensure that all members of the year group are given an opportunity to participate in open discussion and debate.

#### **Adherence to Rules**

The importance of laws, whether they be rules/policies that govern the class, the school, or the country is consistently reinforced at Kuwait National English School, and consequently, our students possess a strong

sense of equality and belief in what is right and wrong. We have a rigorous Student Engagement Policy that is understood by all staff and students.

Students are taught the 'Policies/Rules' of the school along with the value and reasons behind rules and laws, that govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when rules and the law are broken. An integral part of our Student Engagement Policy is to ensure students are better able to make the right choices.

We have a local Safety Officer (Mr. Bernie) who works with our students to educate them on how to stay safe. Students are also able to access further e-safety support through the school's intranet. In PSHE, Qur'an and Islamic Studies students learn about the Rule of Law by learning about the importance of shared values and responsibilities of citizens.

### **Freedom of choice**

Students are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we educate and provide boundaries from where students can make informed choices and respectfully express their views and beliefs. Students are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely and respectfully, for example through our assemblies, PSHE curriculum and form tutors time. In lessons, students can make choices about the tasks and challenges they complete through our differentiation as well as being able to choose from a varied programme of extra-curricular activities.

We are working hard to raise the aspirations of all of our students with regular discussions about potential career possibilities and providing opportunities to experience different career and further education opportunities. All students have equally high aspirations for their futures. In PSHE students learn about the Individual Liberty by learning about how they can express their rights and personal freedoms safely.

## **Learning about Mutual Respect**

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. Staff and students treat each other with the utmost respect and courtesy. Students learn that their behaviour affect their rights and those of others. All members of the school community are required to treat each other with respect, and this is a high profile message that is communicated to students. Our Student Engagement Policy means that students know that their choices affect their rights and those of others. There is a zero percent policy against bullying within the school and is addressed through the tutorial programme, assemblies, and lessons. A group of staff across all year groups have received training to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors within the school. Students are also taught about respect and bullying in the online world through our curriculum and E-safety lessons in ICT. In PSHE students learn about Mutual Respect through relationship education, e-safety and the work they complete on shared community values.

## **Acceptance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

Kuwait National English School is rich in cultural diversity, and we are proud to promote and celebrate our different backgrounds and beliefs. Students learn that all members of the school community deserve to be treated with respect and that differences are to be accepted.

Islamic studies and Qur'an are taught in KS3 and KS4 which promotes mutual respect and understanding between those of different faiths or beliefs. Assemblies and tutorial activities actively challenge stereotypes and reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others no matter their ethnicity, beliefs, gender or disability. Assemblies cover a variety of topics, including Climate change, Tolerance Day, Remembrance day, International Day, Ramadan, Liberation and Independence of Kuwait. The termly newsletter celebrates cultural events and celebrates successes of all students. We take our responsibilities seriously and prevent children being radicalised. In PSHE students learn about acceptance and different forms of discrimination including

discrimination against people due to their gender, religion, disability, sexuality and ethnicity and how to challenge discrimination in society. The curriculum educates students about the dangers of radicalisation and extremism.

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