

## Faculty Intent – PSHE

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PSHE is all about you, your understanding of others and the role you play in the world. The small, dedicated team of PSHE teachers work to ensure that you are inspired through creative lessons to enable you to develop morally, socially and culturally as an individual in a safe environment. Questioning and discussions are at the heart of the curriculum and you will be asked your point of view on a variety of issues, questioned on your opinion and encouraged to use your voice! British values are weaved into the majority of your lessons.

Keeping up to date with contemporary issues is essential. You can do this by watching the news or finding it on reliable sites online. Remember, not everything you see on the internet is factual! PSHE is about your rights and responsibilities, your actions and decisions and the impact you can have on the 'right here, right now'.

At **Key Stage 3**, pupils are introduced to their role as a global citizen. Pupils investigate what it means to be a part of the global community as well as the role they play as an individual through an in-depth look at issues including diversity, drug abuse and gender identity. Concepts such as identity and belonging as well as similarities and differences between cultures are explored before evaluating whether or not we really are members of a global community. Through these units of study, pupils in Years 7/8 will be asked to voice their opinions on a range of contemporary issues, keeping up with current affairs and designing their own 'ideal' community. Through this, pupils will tackle stereotypical views of a community, gain a better understanding of diversity and apply this knowledge in a practical way. Further to this, Years 7/8 will look at issues surrounding alcohol and drug misuse; gender identity; online safety; mental health and careers. By the end of Year 8, all pupils at The Heights Burnley should have the foundation knowledge of what it means to be a good citizen within a community and how to look after themselves and those around them.

PSHE in **Year 9** builds upon the foundations in Years 7/8. At the start of Year 9, pupils will gain a better understanding of the roles of families, parenting and relationships. Identifying different types of families and understanding the roles that each person can play within that unit, pupils will develop a better understanding of what it means to be part of a family and how that can vary from person-to-person. In addition to this, pupils will gain a further understanding of their own mental and emotional wellbeing and drug/alcohol abuse. The careers education unit of study gets pupils thinking about post-16 options available to them, followed by researching their dream job and identifying how to get there. In Year 9, pupils will also look at sex education including contraception, consent, STIs and attitudes towards pornography.

**Key Stage 4** PSHE is the gateway to making the most out of life after The Heights Burnley. It compliments and extends other areas of the curriculum, allows pupils to think forward and gain a holistic view of the world around them, keeping them up to date with current affairs. It provides pupils with the world knowledge that employers and colleges look for to set them apart from other candidates. It also helps give a context to all other subjects, making activities in the classroom have a meaning other than just 'getting a good grade'. Across Year 10, pupils will gain a programme of study which includes a more in-depth look at relationships, extremism, gang culture and the law. Tackling some major issues which can be found within this age group. Using some guest speakers to enhance the messages we are delivering, pupils will gain a well-rounded understanding of these topics. In Year 11, there is much more of a focus on developing as an individual with topics of work including personal values; stress management; financial support; pregnancy and marriage; applying for jobs and CV writing before finishing with exam management. By the end of Year 11, all pupils should feel prepared to take their next steps in post-16 education with a view of the workplace and looking after themselves. Whether it is applying for colleges, apprenticeships or part-time jobs, our pupils should feel ready to take that step by the time they have finished at The Heights Burnley.