

# Information

## Britishness Statement

Bourne Academy is committed to ensuring that 'British' values underpin all aspects of the education and curriculum offered to its students.

Britishness can be taken as 'referring to a sense of national identity of the British people.' However, it is difficult to create or devise a definition that is agreeable by all. In many respects, Britishness has a fluidity to it, given the ever changing nature of the multi-cultural mix of people who occupy the British Isles. Therefore, the Academy strongly adheres to a view that irrespective of faith, gender, ethnicity or colour, all students are given the same equal opportunity to education. All students are given the opportunity to enhance their life chances. Every student is encouraged to become a well-rounded citizen, armed with the skills necessary to survive in an ever changing workplace and be capable of making sound moral and ethical decisions.

Through the curriculum at Bourne Academy the following aspects of Britishness are promoted:

- Freedom and democracy
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- Respect of law and order
- Belief in personal and social responsibility
- Respect for British institutions, including the Government and the monarchy
- The welfare state
- Mutual Respect
- Individual liberty
- An awareness and understanding of the constitution, as laid down in Magna Carta
- An understanding of Britain's global position