

Statement of Core British Values

UK College of English is a multicultural and international school in which we help to nurture an acceptance and tolerance of a range of views students may encounter. We follow the Government's Prevent strategy and encourage our students to express their views and beliefs as long as these respect the core British values of:

- democracy;
- the rule of law;
- individual liberty;
- mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

At UKCE, we are aware that some students may have been exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views either before their arrival in the UK or after coming here. These influences may stem from a variety of sources and media, including the internet, and at times students themselves may reflect or display views that might be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language. Any such views or language displayed by students or staff will always be challenged and dealt with according to the relevant policies on student behaviour and staff conduct.

In line with our Safeguarding and Prevent responsibilities, all staff will be alert to and have a duty to report:

- Disclosures by students of their experience of extremist actions, views or materials by others outside of the school, such as in their homes or community/friendship groups.
- Any graffiti symbols, writing or artwork promoting extremist messages or images in and around London.
- Any students accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites either in or outside of the school.
- Any changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance.
- Any students voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies or narratives.
- Use of extremist or "hate" terms to exclude others or incite violence.
- Any intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, sexuality, race, colour or culture.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others.
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views.

In the first instance, reports of any of the above will be made to a Welfare Officer and/or the DSL, as well as the Head of Studies and/or the Chief Executive. In extreme cases the police may need to be notified.

In order to help prevent such occurrences, the school is committed to:

- Raising staff and student awareness of radicalisation and extremism through our Prevent training;
- Working with local agencies and sharing information;
- Maintaining robust ICT measures to prevent access to extremist or otherwise inappropriate websites.