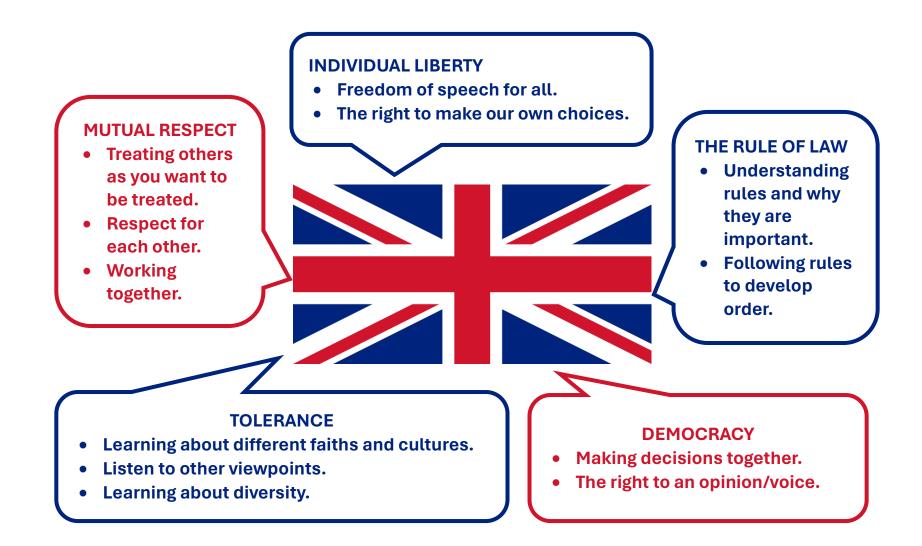
# **BRITISH VALUES**



At Chosen Hill School, our CORE values of WATCH are embedded alongside fundamental British Values in the following ways:

#### **DEMOCRACY**

I can influence the way the school runs through the Year and Whole School Councils and by talking to Staff and Student Leaders.

"As a Student Council Student Leader, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with students in other years and to talk to Senior Staff about how we can modify school policies".

# **DEMOCRACY**

Students have a say in school life via their Year and Whole School Student Councils where they have contact with Student Leaders as well as staff – they can regularly take part in Student Voice Surveys and Panels/ Committees. Regular reward meetings and Green Assemblies are held with the where students are given the opportunity to give opinions. These opportunities are also key exemplars of our school values of Wellness, Ambition and Togetherness.

# **LIBERTY**

Students are actively encouraged to make choices across subject areas and in Wellbeing, knowing that they are in a safe environment and understanding that they are accountable for those choices. Similarly, Student Councils and House Events/ Leadership provide opportunities for student to work together and make choices about how they can help each other and the wider Community. These opportunities are also key exemplars of our school values of Ambition and Confidence

# **LIBERTY**

I am free to hold my own viewpoint without being judged. I have the freedom to make choices that affect me but I recognise that I am accountable for my actions – by talking to staff and by taking part in appropriate restorative conversations.

"Wellbeing lessons have given me the chance to explore different issues – like my own wellbeing, financial decisions and how I can be political, even though I do not yet have the vote!"

#### **RESPECT**

I recognise that everyone is entitled to their opinion as long as it does not promote extremism.

I understand everyone is entitled to a voice within the classroom.

I will listen to others as I would like to be listened to.

"I think it has been great when we have had impacts on Teaching and Learning at school – such as student voice surveys and work in the TLC Committee attached to Council".

# RESPECT and TOLERANCE

Mutual respect is an integral part of the culture at Chosen Hill Our lessons teach students to respect the values and beliefs of others, which extends to the whole school philosophy. Our House Events and Student Leadership opportunities ensure student work, share and understand together. These opportunities are also key exemplars of our school values of Confidence and Togetherness.

# **TOLERANCE**

I recognise that it is not acceptable to dismiss the beliefs of anyone.

I understand that discussions about sensitive issues will be controlled and structured.

"I like the challenge of being asked to consider my views and make judgements – topics like the Holocaust and visits by outside speakers have helped me see wider issues, sometimes beyond my own experiences!"

#### LAW

I understand that school values are used to mirror society laws and must be respected.

I recognise that there will be consequences for my actions, positive or negative.

"I enjoyed having the chance to discuss and modify our Rewards Policy and our Disruptive Free Learning as part of our Whole School Student Council work!"

# **LAW**

Students understand the difference between right and wrong. They recognise that there are consequences for every choice that they make and apply this to their lives inside and outside of school by respecting English civil and criminal law. These opportunities are also key exemplars of our school values of Togetherness and Honesty.