British Values Knowledge Organiser

The Midland Academies Trust

1	**Why do you need to Know British Values?** Understanding British values is an important way to enable you to embrace the key values that you need to be equipped for life in modern British society. There are 5 fundamental British Values. **Through understanding the British values of Democracy, the Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect, and Acceptance for those with different faiths and beliefs**, you will develop self-knowledge, be better able to make the right choices and make contributions to the school and the wider community.

Democracy

2	**Democracy**	8	Examples of Political Parties: Liberal Democrats, Labour, Green Party, Conservatives
3	In the United Kingdom we vote (age 18 +) for the people we want to run our councils and Government.		
4	We vote for Members of Parliament (MP's). Elections take place at least once every 5 years.		
5	In our democracy there are political parties. At the time of writing the political party who has the majority of MP's in Parliament is the Conservative Party. Labour are currently the opposition Party.	9	When elections take place for Members of Parliament, the public go to vote. Traditionally this happens on a Thursday, and people vote in a secret ballot. People only know who you vote for if you decide to tell them – it is rude to ask!
6	The Leader of the Conservatives and our current Prime Minister is Theresa May. The Leader of the Opposition is Jeremy Corbyn.	10	Where can I see British Values at School? Democracy – School Council / Form Representatives / Student Executive. We hold mock elections and in PSHE you will learn more about politics. We participate in the MAT debating competition, held in the council chamber at the Town Hall.
7	MP's debate in the Palace of Westminster, in the House of Commons. On the opposite side of the Building is the House of Lords. The House of Lords (unelected members) ratify law and policies put forward by parliament.		

The rule of law

11	In the UK, we have laws which determine what is legal and illegal. You are expected to know the difference between right and wrong.	14	There are consequences for making the wrong choice or taking illegal actions. We all take responsibility for our actions.
12	The rule of law is a principle that individuals and institutions are subject and accountable to, which is fairly applied and enforced.	15	Where can I see British Values at School? Rule of Law – Our Behaviour Systems and Behaviour Policy. We have agreed rules and expectations so that our school is a safe and happy place where all differences are reconciled peacefully. We have a PCSO that comes into school to educate you in the law.
13	Those who commit crimes will ultimately be brought to justice through the legal system including Police officers, courts and lawyers. The rule of law acts as a deterrent, to deter people from criminal acts.		

Individual liberty

16	In the UK you are free to have an opinion (unless it is extremist) and believe in what you want without discrimination.	18	Where can I see British Values at School? Mutual Respect – Our academy ethos, anti-bullying and assemblies. Boundaries are used to ensure you are safe.
17	You have the freedom to make choices and decisions without being judged.		

Mutual **respect** for and **tolerance** of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

19	Mutual Respect and Tolerance are the proper regard for an individuals' dignity, which is reciprocated, and a fair, respectful and polite attitude is shown to those who may be different to ourselves.	21	We should all actively challenge students, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to the values we hold in society and as a school and those that underpin the fabric of a democratic Britain. This is crucial to us to protect one another and to tackle 'extremist' views and prevent people from being radicalised.
20	Differences in terms of faith, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, young carers and disability, are differences that should be respected, tolerated and celebrated.	22	Where can I see British Values at School? Acceptance of Faith – RE Lessons and Assemblies. We give you messages of tolerance and respect for others no matter what their ethnicity, beliefs, sexuality, gender or disability.

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