Pocklington School Foundation

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Awareness Statement

Pocklington School Foundation actively promotes pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development across all aspects of school life. SMSC is embedded through the curriculum, pastoral systems, assemblies, weekly church services, pupil voice structures, co-curricular activities and wider community engagement.

Spiritual development is fostered through opportunities for reflection, exploration of beliefs and values, and experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity and a sense of meaning. Moral development is supported through teaching and modelling of integrity, responsibility, fairness and respect, enabling pupils to understand right and wrong and to make reasoned, ethical decisions. Social development is promoted through collaboration, leadership, service, participation in the House and tutor systems, and engagement with the wider community. Cultural development is encouraged through appreciation of artistic, musical and dramatic expression, understanding of different cultures and traditions, and celebration of diversity within the Foundation.

The Foundation actively promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are embedded across curriculum, pastoral and co-curricular provision, and pupils are supported to develop an age-appropriate understanding of them. The School challenges opinions or behaviours that undermine these values.

SMSC is integral to our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), which prepares pupils for life in modern Britain through teaching about families, friendships, consent, online safety, emotional resilience and respectful relationships.

Through this whole-school approach, Pocklington School Foundation ensures that pupils develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values needed to thrive as responsible, compassionate and engaged members of society.

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