



PROMOTING OUR COMMON VALUES

EGA is committed to promoting tolerance and respect for every member of the community regardless of background, and to challenging behaviour which undermines this approach.

We do this in the following ways:

- A PSHE/Citizenship programme which looks at issues about life in modern Britain and our role in society
- A skills programme which develops personal, learning and thinking skills encouraging students to be inquisitive, reflective and questioning of the world around them. In Year 7 the focus is on being an outstanding **learner** so that there is a commonly understood toolkit for excellence and a positive and successful school environment. The Year 8 programme of study looks at community and our roles in engaging positively with community groups ranging from school to global settings. In Year 9 the programme ensures that students have an understanding of the skills and qualities needed in future employment in a range of sectors.
- Finding opportunities for students to express their views and to listen to the views of others
- A Code of Conduct which makes it clear that bullying and harassment will not be tolerated. This includes using words or actions which discriminate on grounds of race or sexual orientation
- A curriculum which ensures that girls have access to a very broad spectrum of subjects. All girls follow the full Key Stage 3 National Curriculum. Withdrawal from Religious Education and the non science component of Sex and Relationships Education is only allowed at the written request of a parent. We do not advise parents to exercise their right to withdraw from these subjects as the girls are missing out on valuable learning

- A strong pastoral system ensuring girls are well known and supported
- Encouraging girls to question and not just accept what they might read or hear in the media, or on the internet
- Developing resilience in our students so that they are empowered to challenge extremist views
- Working with other agencies such as the police, Families First and local officers working on FGM and forced marriage

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