



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Policy

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Aims

Yavneh College is committed to:

- Ensuring that our pupils develop spiritually in their own beliefs while showing respect and understanding of others
- Developing pupils who know right from wrong, who actively make good choices and who contribute to the community in a variety of different ways
- Encouraging our pupils to value and support others; to value democracy and to participate and contribute to society as a result
- Providing as many opportunities as possible for pupils to explore their own culture while appreciating the many cultures that make up life in modern Britain

SMSC in Practice

At Yavneh College:

The **Spiritual** development of pupils is shown by their:

- ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective on life and their interest in and respect for different people's faiths, feelings and values

The **Moral** development of pupils is shown by their:

- ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, readily applying this understanding in their own lives and, in so doing, respecting the civil and criminal law of England
- understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions
- interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues and being able to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.

The **Social** development of pupils is shown by their:

- use of a range of social skills in different contexts, including working and socialising with pupils from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds
- willingness to participate in a variety of communities and social settings, including by volunteering, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively
- acceptance and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs; the pupils develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

The **Cultural** development of pupils is shown by their:

- understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others
- understanding and appreciation of the range of different cultures within school and further afield as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain
- knowledge of Britain's democratic parliamentary system and its central role in shaping our history and values, and in continuing to develop Britain
- willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, sporting and cultural opportunities
- interest in exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity, and the extent to which they understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity, as shown by their tolerance and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.

Provision

See SMSC Audit document for all SMSC provision at Yavneh College

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