

How St Michael's encourages students to respect British values

Although a new requirement placed by the Department for Education on all schools, St Michael's has always supported and promoted the values contained within this recent obligation. The School's mission statement is summarised by Jesus Christ's maxim to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. This intrinsically involves individual tolerance and understanding of other people's views and the right to freedom of expression within the legal framework of a liberal democracy. Our long standing Pastoral Care Policy starts with these words from Pablo Casals:

"We should always teach children who they are. We should say to each of them: Do you know who you are? God created you. You are a marvel, you are unique. In all the world there is no other child like you.....you have the capacity for anything.....you must cherish one another".

If we regard all mankind as God's children then we must respect everyone regardless of race, religion / belief or sexual identity.

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