

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Education Trust



## St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

<b>Policy type:</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Policy:</b>	<b>British Values</b>
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St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy promotes the fundamental British values of

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths

in all aspects of the work it undertakes.

Promoting:

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety
- an understanding that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary, and that while some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through Parliament, others such as the courts maintain independence;
- an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law;
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour;
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination.

Some examples of how we promote "British values":

- our History curriculum and extension activities at KS3 (all students) and History is a very popular option choices at both KS4, AS and A level;
- our study of AS and A level Law - a popular post-16 choice;
- our study of AS and A level Government and Politics - a popular post-16 choice;
- our study of AS and A level Sociology – a popular post-16 choice;
- annual Year Councils and Year Council elections;
- involvement in City of Sunderland Youth Parliament and National Youth Parliament;
- annual "State of the City Debate";
- "Mock Elections", visits from candidates and M.P.'s and General Election Forum, Sixth Form visits to Westminster, Law Courts etc.;

- Head Girl/Boy and Deputy Head Girl/Boy elections;
- sixth form council;
- our involvement in music, drama, debating and public speaking competitions;
- clear policies and review of policies which shared with all stakeholders on the academy website ;
- our extensive partnership working locally, nationally and internationally;
- our extensive volunteering and charitable programmes in all year groups;
- our extensive educational visit and activity programme;
- our sporting opportunities and sense of “fair play”;
- our clarity of purpose with regard to our academy ethos.

**St. Anthony’s Girls’ Catholic Academy ethos:**



St. Anthony’s Girls’ School was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1904.

The Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley.

We became St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy in 2012.

As a Mercy Academy St. Anthony's ethos (the guiding beliefs that characterize a community) is to provide:

- education which is Christ centred;
- education which is faith enlightened ie. our Roman Catholic faith underpins our work;
- education which shows concern for the poor and the education of women and girls;
- education which build communities;
- education which pursues excellence.