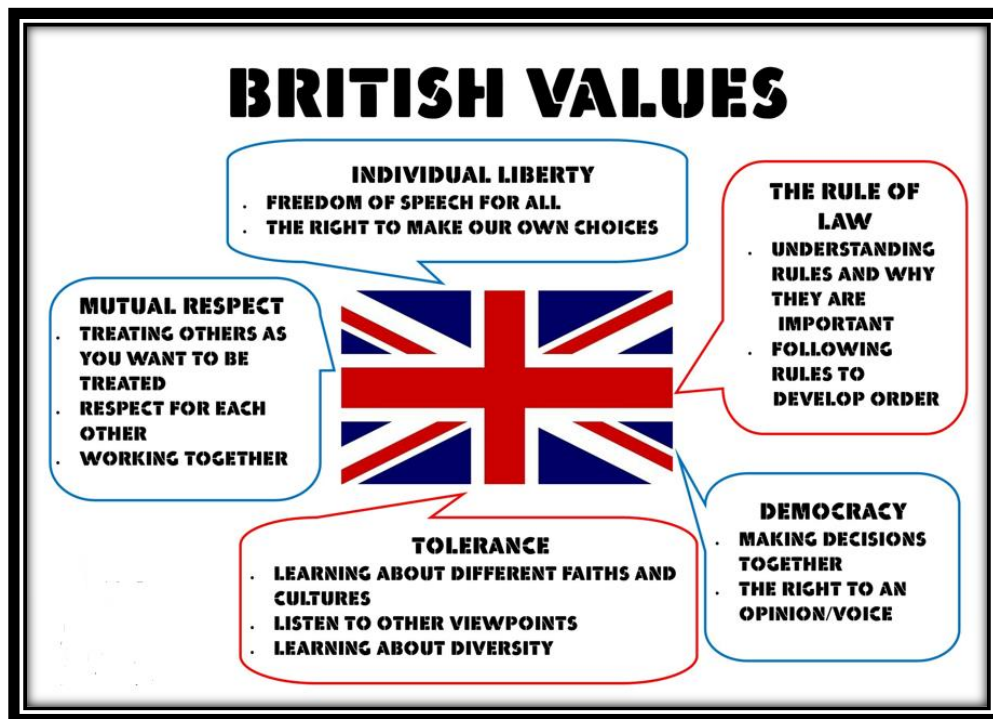


British Values

British values refer to the **principles and beliefs** that are considered fundamental to British society. 'British values' are defined under the **Prevent duty** as:

“Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.”

The Prevent duty also includes encouraging learners to respect other people, particularly regarding the protected characteristics of the **Equality Act (2010)**.



Democracy:

Democracy is the system of government in which power is vested in the hands of the people, either directly or through elected representatives. **British democracy** is characterized by free and fair elections, respect for the rule of law, and protection of individual rights.



For example:

Democracy in action in the **UK** is the General Elections held regularly where citizens have the opportunity to vote for their representatives in Parliament.

Rule of Law:

The **rule of law** means that everyone is subject to the law, including those who govern, and no one is above it. It ensures **fairness, accountability, and justice** in society.

For example:

The legal system in the **UK**, where individuals are held accountable for their actions regardless of their status or position. This includes high-profile cases where even politicians or public figures are prosecuted if found to have broken the law.

Individual Liberty:

Individual liberty refers to the freedom of individuals to act and express themselves without undue interference from the state or other individuals. It encompasses **freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and personal autonomy**.

For example:

The right to freedom of expression, which allows individuals to express their opinions, beliefs, or artistic creations without fear of censorship or persecution.

Tolerance:

Tolerance involves respecting and accepting others who hold different beliefs, cultures, or lifestyles. It is about recognizing **diversity and promoting** understanding and mutual respect.

For example:

The multiculturalism evident in **British society**, where people from diverse backgrounds live together peacefully and contribute to a rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and ideas.

Respect for Others:

Respect for others entails treating everyone with dignity, fairness, and consideration, regardless of differences in background, race, religion, or beliefs. It involves showing **empathy, kindness, and consideration** for the well-being of others.



For example:

The tradition of **British politeness and courtesy**, where people often say "*please*" and "*thank you*" in everyday interactions, demonstrating respect for others' time and contributions.