



# Character Education



At Padgate Academy we aim to make our students creative and confident builders of their future, enabling them to be the best version of themselves, whilst mirroring the values of the school.



## Caught

### Environment

Character can be cultivated within a supportive school community grounded in a defined ethos.

At Padgate Academy, we believe in fostering an environment where every student can thrive academically, personally, and socially. Our core values, encapsulated in the acronym PRIDE, serve as the foundation upon which our school community stands.

- Modelling the P.R.I.D.E values at all times.
- Referring to the student charter and ATL system, making explicit links to the language.
- Rewarding students for making good choices about their character.
- Recognition which highlights the importance of character traits and inspires students to emulate these virtues in their daily lives.



## Taught

### The Curriculum

Character can be instilled through curriculum areas focused on the explicit teaching of virtues and character.

- **PRIDE lessons** PSHE, RSE, Citizenship and RS content to delve into the concepts of character and virtue.
- **Subject areas** identifying opportunities to include virtue and character.
- **Careers curriculum**, fostering the development of the character traits and virtues essential for future life.
- **Tutor time**, offering a daily platform for discussing and reinforcing character and virtue principles.
- **Assemblies**, serving as gatherings to celebrate the importance of character and virtue in Academy life.



## Sought

### Enrichment

Character can be developed through deliberate experiences both within and outside the curriculum

- Student Leadership opportunities.
- C.A.S extra-curricular activities.
- School events and workshops.
- Trips and experiences in new environments.
- Tutor time timetable that fosters inquiry, news, and debate.
- External speakers to motivate pupils' character development.
- Careers and work experience.
- Opportunities to be active citizens within their school and the community.
- Performances and events.
- TCAT collaborations.
- Local and national competitions.
- Celebrating key dates fosters an inclusive school environment.

## PADGATE ACADEMY



Civic Values	Intellectual Values	Moral Values	Performance Values
Service	Reflection	Courage	Resilience
Neighbourliness	Focus	Compassion	Perseverance
Citizenship	Endeavour	Gratitude	Determination
Community awareness	Critical thinking	Justice	Leadership
Volunteering	Reason and judgement	Honesty	Teamwork
Social justice	Curiosity	Humility	Confidence
	Resourcefulness	Modesty	Motivation
	Open-mindedness	Self-discipline	Ambition
	Wisdom	Tolerance	Problem-solving
	Creativity	Integrity	Communication
		Friendliness	Positivity
		Respect	
		Trust	

## Value language

Virtues are the building blocks to fulfilling one's potential, playing a foundational role in human flourishing.

Using this language to promote and cultivate virtues, whilst integrating them into all aspects of education will support students to understand their meanings, practice them, and apply them in their lives.