

# BRITISH VALUES

## DIVERSE MINDS, ONE SCHOOL

### UNDERSTANDING THE RULE OF LAW



Cumbria Police recently visited our school to deliver engaging and informative '**Cyber Crime**' workshops for our Key Stage 3 students. The sessions focused on educating students about maintaining a safe online presence, emphasising the importance of privacy and security in the digital world. Officers highlighted the potential dangers of the internet, offering practical advice on how to protect personal information, avoid cyberbullying, and recognise online threats. The workshops were a valuable opportunity for students to learn how to navigate the digital landscape safely, empowering them to make responsible online choices.

Our House events last term continued to strengthen our school values of respect, responsibility, and aspiration, while reinforcing British values such as democracy, tolerance, and mutual respect.

- **House Dobble:** This event was filled with enthusiasm and high spirits, as students embraced the fun and competitive nature of the game. The fast-paced action brought out the best in everyone, with each house showing great teamwork and determination. It was a lively event that combined excitement with friendly competition, creating a memorable experience for all.
- **House Quiz:** A test of knowledge and teamwork that promoted democracy in decision-making and required students to listen and learn from one another.
- **House Cross Country:** This event showcased the incredible speed of Will (Year 9), who led the way with impressive determination. It was a true display of teamwork as students from all houses supported one another, encouraging personal perseverance and unity. The event highlighted the importance of pushing individual limits while promoting a spirit of mutual respect and support across all houses.



### HOUSE EVENTS

Several assemblies last term were dedicated to important topics that directly support the promotion of British Values, encouraging our students to understand the world around them and their role in it.

- **Human Rights – Amnesty International:** Students learned about the importance of standing up for justice and equality for all.
- **LGBTQ+ History Month – Just Like Us:** This session celebrated LGBTQ+ contributions to society, promoting inclusion, respect, and kindness for everyone.
- **Supporting Young People and Families – Ben Maunder, Children, Youth, and Family Worker (Western Dales):** Ben shared the importance of supporting young people and families in our community, highlighting the role we all play in creating a supportive environment.
- **Mental Well-Being – Blue Monday – Let's Make People Smile:** Focused on spreading positivity and kindness, this assembly reminded students of the power of small acts to improve mental well-being.



### ASSEMBLIES

These assemblies encouraged students to celebrate diversity, practice tolerance, and play a part in creating a more inclusive and respectful world for all..

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### YEAR 9'S CULTURAL JOURNEY TO DUBAI

Year 9 recently embarked on an incredible 10-day trip to Dubai, packed with unforgettable experiences and educational opportunities. Students explored the cutting-edge **Museum of the Future**, where they learned about the innovations shaping tomorrow's world. They visited **Terr Plaza** to dive into sustainability and renewable energy, expanding their global environmental knowledge. The trip also included an exciting outing to **Sport City** to watch a thrilling **T20 cricket match** and a tour of **Arcadia British School**, where students connected with peers from a different education system.

The adventure continued with a visit to **Emirates Aviation University**, where students got an inside look at the aviation industry. They also had the unique opportunity to cycle around the iconic **Formula One track** on **Yas Island** in Abu Dhabi. In addition, a trip to the majestic **Sheikh Zayed Mosque** offered a chance to experience the cultural and architectural beauty of the UAE. Students rounded off the trip with sand sledging and **sunset watching** in **Sharjah**, creating lasting memories of both adventure and learning. This trip was an inspiring mix of cultural exploration, hands-on learning, and outdoor fun.



### CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN ZREČE, SLOVENIA

Our Key Stage 4 students have just returned from an unforgettable visit to **Zreče** in Slovenia, strengthening the important bond between Sedbergh and our twin town. This trip was a valuable opportunity for students to build links between two different and diverse cultures, fostering mutual understanding and respect. During their time at a **Zreče school**, students immersed themselves in local life and education, making new friends and forming lasting connections. The adventure continued with exciting activities such as **bouldering** and **climbing**, and a visit to the **Postojna Vivarium**, where they explored fascinating exhibits about local wildlife, as well as the **Postojna Caves** and the **Museum**. Students also enjoyed skiing on the **Rogla slopes**, embracing the thrill of the outdoors, and unwinding at a **spa and wellness centre** for some relaxation. These experiences not only created many cherished memories but also deepened friendships across cultures, showing how global connections can enhance learning and personal growth.

**"Respect diversity, embrace shared humanity."**