



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education



At South Dartmoor Community College and the Atrium we are committed to and passionate about developing students' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) awareness.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education concentrates on how people of different cultures, communities and societies relate to each other in order to promote a more tolerant and diverse future.

Students will develop the skills and understanding needed to equip them to play an active, well-informed role in their community, providing skills for further education and the world of work in a rich and dynamic range of fields.

SMSC education is embedded across the curriculum and tutorial programme, alongside a dedicated team of teachers delivering distinct SMSC lessons through a programme of interlinked Religious Studies (RS) and PSHE/RSE (Personal/Social and Health Education / Relationship and Sex Education).

SMSC education interacts with our British values policy, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for, and tolerance of those with, different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Principle areas are:

Spirituality – we provide students with an opportunity to reflect upon their place in the world whilst also acknowledging and respecting other people's faiths, feelings and values.

Moral – we ensure that our students understand the difference between right and wrong whilst also being able to debate empathetically and reasonably why other people's moral and ethical standpoints may be different to their own.

Social – we provide students with opportunities to discuss and engage in wide-ranging enrichment and community-based initiatives with other groups of people from different socio-economic backgrounds, faiths and cultures.

Cultural – we develop students' awareness of the wide-ranging cultural influences that have shaped their own lives and heritage, whilst also acknowledging that there are a whole range of influences from further afield which have helped shape Britain's history, values and place in the world. We are committed to providing our students with a variety of cultural opportunities.

The impact we aim to achieve is that our learners become confident, critical thinkers; enabling them to analyse and evaluate the world around them, to make informed decisions about issues that will affect their lives, as well as those of others. These skills will equip them well for adult life and the world of work and make them empowered citizens of the world.