Promoting British Values

The curriculum at The Boulevard Academy will seek to actively promote:

- **Democracy**, including the respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process.
- The Rule of Law and a respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England.
- **Individual Liberty**, the support for equality of opportunity for all, along with respect for the liberties of all within the law.
- Mutual Respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and religious beliefs.

Democracy

In order to promote this the Academy will:-

- Provide students with a broad general knowledge of and promote respect for, public institutions and services.
- Teach students how they can influence decision making through democratic process.
- Include in the curriculum information on the advantages and disadvantages of democracy and how it works in Britain.
- Encourage students to become involved in decision making processes and ensure that they
 are listened to in school.
- Organise visits to the local Council and Parliament.
- Hold mock elections so that students learn how to argue and defend points of view.
- Help students to express their views and develop 'Student Voice'.
- Provide opportunities for students to discover how public services operate and how they are held to account.
- Model how perceived injustice can be peacefully challenged.

Rule of Law

In order to promote this the Academy will:-

- Ensure that the Academy rules are clear, fair and consistently applied.
- Encourage students to distinguish right from wrong.
- Help students to respect the law and the basis on which it is made.
- Help students to understand that living under the rule of the law protects all individuals.
- Involve the police in the Academy curriculum and general school life.
- Provide learning opportunities for students that address aspects of both civil, and criminal law, and how this might differ from religious laws.
- Develop restorative practices in order to resolve conflict.

Individual Liberty

In order to promote this the Academy will:-

- Support students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Encourage students to take responsibility for their behavior, as well as knowing their rights.
- Model freedom of speech through student participation, while ensuring that vulnerable students are protected.
- Challenge stereotypes.
- Implement a strong anti-bullying culture.
- Develop the UNICEF 'Rights Respecting Schools' agenda.

Respect and Tolerance

In order to promote this the Academy will:-

- Promote respect for individual differences.
- Help students to acquire an understanding of, and respect for, their own and other cultures and ways of life.
- Challenge prejudice and discriminatory behavior.
- Organise visits to places of worship.
- Develop links with faith communities.
- Develop critical personal thinking skills.
- Examine differences between people, such as faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality and difference of family, situations such as looked-after children or young carers.