



Sunderland College

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENT STRATEGY

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

– PREVENT STRATEGY

The Government recently introduced the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015, which requires all education settings to raise the profile about the need to **Prevent** people from being drawn into terrorism.

Every day on the news, and in the papers, we see and hear about acts of terrorism. The reality is that terrorists come in all colours, shapes and ages, and there is not a single definition as to what a terrorist looks like. Terrorists do not represent the views of faiths & cultures, but instead they are a minority who interpret extreme views, often linked to threats and acts of violence. Their views may not be balanced and will not consider the impact of others.

People are not born as terrorists, they are radicalised, which means they are influenced and transformed into sharing extreme views and ideas, often by other individuals or groups. Recent news highlights that many young people are being drawn into supporting extreme & terrorist groups. These groups will often use social media to target individuals, who may be vulnerable. The individual may be looking for a sense of belonging and purpose, which these groups may suggest they can provide.



THERE ARE SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR

THESE MAY SUGGEST THAT SOMEONE IS BEING RADICALISED INTO SUPPORTING EXTREME AND TERRORIST GROUPS:

- a significant change in their behaviour
- they may be isolating themselves from their friends
- they may stop doing regular activities, which they previously enjoyed
- they may be involved with a new group of people
- they may express extreme and obsessive views and even hatred
- they may talk about acts of violence
- they may have links on their social media to extreme and violent groups
- they may be trying to encourage others into supporting extreme views and groups
- they may be dismissive of other people's views and opinions
- in some cases they may even change their appearance and dress







SAFEGUARDING STUDENTS

At Sunderland College we have a duty to safeguard all of our students. You may hear or see something that makes you feel uncomfortable, or makes you think 'It's probably nothing but...'.

If you have a concern and you see something that just doesn't feel right then please say something. Please don't rely on others, '**if you suspect it – report it**' this is a key message from the Police, at a time when terrorism is a serious concern and threat to the UK.

If you have any concerns then either report them to one of the College's Safeguarding Staff, who can be contacted via main reception, or by calling **0191 511 6000**. Alternatively you can contact Northumbria Police directly by ringing 101. It is important to do the right thing by keeping yourself and others safe.

BRITISH VALUES

The Prevent Strategy also highlights the need to focus and reinforce British Values, which are:

DEMOCRACY

'An understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through a democratic process.'

Democracy is a theme within Sunderland College where we have Student Governors, Students' Union & Student Councils, with elected members who can influence and challenge decision making. Student questionnaires also allow individuals to express their views and opinions which again may influence and shape the College. Through tutorial and enrichment students may learn about democracy, and how they as individuals can influence decision making, not just within the College but also within their adult life.

THE RULE OF LAW

'An appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety.'

Rules and laws are important as they govern many aspects of life. Within College students are provided with information about the College's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary process, which highlight the College's rules and expectations, aiming to create a safe environment for all. As individuals we are responsible to abide by rules and laws, and to respect their value, as they are in place to protect us. When rules and laws are broken then consequences and actions may follow. We must take responsibility for our own thoughts, words and actions and have a clear understanding of what is right and what is wrong.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

'An understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law.'

Within College we provide boundaries and guidance for students to help them make informed choices within education and life. Everyone has the freedom to make choices and to understand their rights to individual freedom in being able to choose and follow a particular faith or belief. Equality & Diversity within the College focuses on raising awareness of individual rights, choices and beliefs.

MUTUAL RESPECT

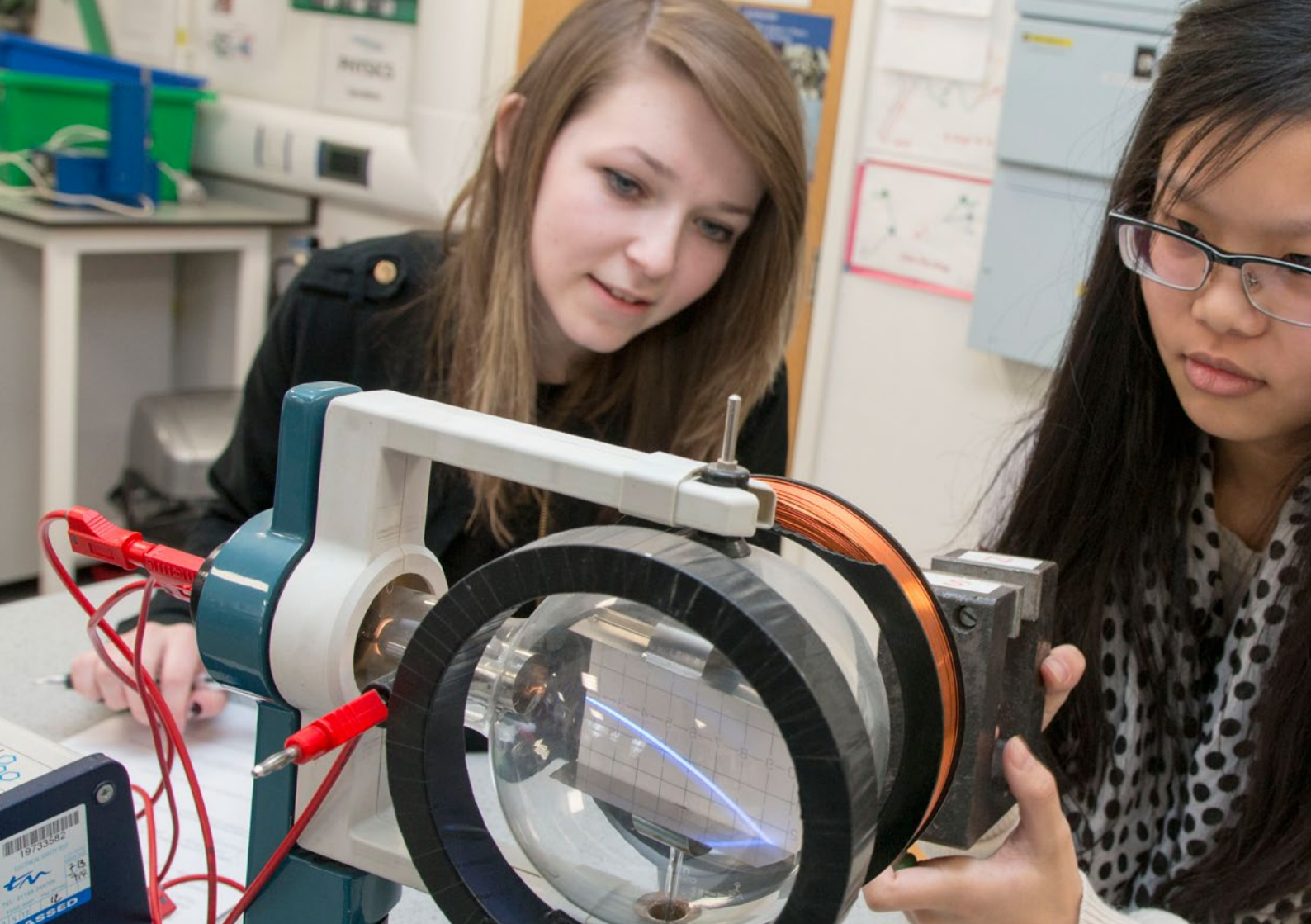
'An understanding of the importance of identifying and combating discrimination.'

Mutual respect is at the heart of College values. Young people should understand that their behaviours have an effect on themselves and others. All members of the College should treat others in a respectful and polite manner. Treat others as we would wish to be treated. This is an important message within College but also within everyday life.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS

'An acceptance that other people have different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour.'

People may have different faiths or beliefs to yours, but that does not make it wrong - just different. Britain is a society of many cultures, religions and faiths and we need to respect and accept that others may have different views. Individuals or groups should not face discrimination because their views or values are not shared by all. The College actively promotes an understanding of Equality and Diversity through many activities and themes, in an attempt to combat discrimination of any individual or group.





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