

Welcome to

Social & Moral Education (SME)



What will you learn about in SME?

In Social and Moral Education we encourage students to explore how to be independent, healthy, respectful individuals who challenge inequality and respect difference. The role of Social and Moral education in developing well rounded, educated and informed students, confident in themselves and able to understand the world around them, is vital and as such students have dedicated weekly lessons in the subject, delivered by a specialist and highly passionate team of teachers. Students start lessons in year 7 by learning the core values which drive the Durrington community and enable them to learn in a kind, aspirational and forward thinking environment. KS3 students have dedicated weekly lessons which cover topics like, online safety, mental health awareness, body confidence and leaders in our community to name just a few. The Social and Moral Education department is also responsible for the delivery of our religious studies education, which is vital in ensuring our students have a deep understanding of the various global religions and their practices. In addition to this the department works closely with our team of specialist career advisors to support and inform our students about their potential further education and careers paths. Social and Moral Education provides a great opportunity for students to engage in debate and critical thinking around numerous important social issues, and as such the team of teachers work hard to ensure students understand the importance of healthy debate and consideration of different views. Beyond the classroom the department offers a wealth for extra curricular activities including visits to the House of Parliament and Brighton Magistrates Courts in KS4 and in school visits from representatives of organisations such as Alcoholics Anonymous. While the KS3 provision includes further trip opportunities and in school visits from members of the community, such as the local magistrates/police force to run sessions on the judicial system and local charities. The department also regularly runs a debate club and enters teams into the national Mock Magistrates Competition.

Why is it so important to study SME?

At Durrington we aspire for academic achievement but we know that students will thrive in life if they have a well rounded education where they feel proud of themselves and their surroundings. Social and Moral Education is key in giving students the skills they need to understand and persevere in real life situations. The subject ensures that our students leave Durrington with the knowledge they need to succeed and contribute to our modern world, understand and overcome the challenges they will and have a positive impact on the communities they reside in.

GCSE Results 2020

Name	Entries	9 - 4 %	9 - 5 %	9 - 7 %
Citizenship	49	73%	59%	22%

Department Leadership



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“I really like SME because I can express my feelings.”

Charlie, year 7