

# **PASTORAL CARE**

## **12.2 Code of Conduct**

These principles have been agreed by pupils and staff at BCPS:

Kind	Considerate	Courteous
Co-operative	Hardworking	Truthful
Trustworthy	Responsible	Friendly

### **Show respect at all times**

#### Self respect

Take responsibility for your own actions  
Always tell the truth and be honest  
Take care with the presentation of your work and always do your best  
Wear your uniform with pride  
Be punctual

#### Respect for others

Treat everyone with courtesy and respect  
Listen to others  
Try to understand their point of view  
Value the differences in others  
Respond respectfully to requests  
Work quietly and consider the needs of others  
Be considerate of others as you move around the school  
Be helpful

#### Respect for the school

Represent your school with honour  
Care about the school's reputation  
Take care of all school buildings, grounds and equipment  
Keep the school clean and tidy  
Be positive about your school

*'Awards are given each year for effort, achievement and consideration – the latter is particularly important since, as the head says, "There are a lot of successful people in the world but some are very unpleasant!"* - Good Schools Guide.

In recognition of the importance that we place on showing consideration for others, one pupil from each form is nominated to receive a consideration award at the end of each academic year. There is also an overall winner from year 8. These pupils receive their awards during the annual speech day ceremony in the Brighton Dome.

#### The School Council

The school council has seventeen members, one from each form in the prep school. These pupils are elected by their classmates at the beginning of the academic year. Mrs Griffiths, one of our senior teachers, chairs the school council meetings which take place at least twice a term. During these meetings, the council representative from each form will offer a suggestion of a way in which we could improve our school. After discussion, the majority of these proposals are submitted to the senior management team for approval.

One idea that met with success was for pupils to wear their own clothes on the last day of the Michaelmas term. Another suggestion was that the school should reduce the number of mail-outs and send information to parents by email instead. This idea was warmly received by the senior management team. In addition to implementing this environmentally-friendly proposal, we also email the weekly newsletter to parents.