

# **Aquinas College Policy to Protect Students from Extremism and Radicalisation**

Aquinas College is committed to protecting students from extremism and radicalisation.

- The College will work with other agencies and professional bodies to ensure the safety of students and to engage staff with the Prevent Agenda which is part of the wider safeguarding duty.
- The College will endeavour to provide a learning environment where students can safely discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremist ideas and ensure that they understand these issues and learn how to challenge such ideology.

## **Our principle objectives are that:**

- All governors, teachers and support staff will have an understanding of radicalisation and extremism and why there is a need to be vigilant in College.
- All governors, teachers and support staff will be familiar with the College policy/strategy on anti-radicalisation and extremism and will follow the appropriate procedures when issues arise.
- All parents and students will be informed that the College has policies in place to keep students safe from harm and that the College regularly reviews its systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.

## **College Strategy:**

1. To comply with its statutory duty, the College will actively engage with partners such as the Police, the Prevent Co-ordinator and the Local Children's Safeguarding Board.
2. A risk assessment will be carried out to assess where or how students or staff may be at risk of being drawn into terrorism and actions will be put in place to reduce any identified risk.
3. Appropriate training for staff and governors will be organised to take forward the Prevent agenda, including developing the curriculum to challenge and educate about extremism and exemplify British values.
4. IT policies and procedures will incorporate the Prevent duty and filters will be used to restrict access to harmful content which could draw individuals into terrorism.
5. The College will seek to engage with and consult students about plans for implementing the duty.
6. The College's pastoral care and welfare services will be used to support students who are at risk.
7. The College will communicate and promote the importance of the duty to all stakeholders through its website and other publications.
8. In relation to the duty, the College will regularly review security and safety arrangements and procedures linked to the hiring out of College premises/ facilities.
9. The College's Strategy and Policy for Protecting Students from Extremism and Radicalisation will be reviewed annually and reported on to governors as part of the Safeguarding Report.

**For further support please refer to the following agencies and documents:**

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**Prevent Duty Guidance:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

<http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/>

<http://www.familiesmatter.org.uk/>

<http://educateagainsthate.com/>

Anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321