



# Learner DEI Bulletin

Autumn, 2025

## Welcome

“Our vision will support our young people to shape the future as effective citizens in a global society. At the core of our work is a deep commitment to fostering diversity, equity and inclusion. These principles are underpinned by our values.” This quote was taken from our DEI policy. Please take the time to read the [DEI draft policy](#)

## SPOTLIGHT : What is unconscious bias?

Unconscious bias can be described as:

- Automatic judgments or stereotypes about groups of people
- Formed through cultural, social and personal experiences
- Occurs without deliberate thought or intention - operates below conscious awareness
- Can affect attitudes, behaviour, and decision-making

This video (click on the link) [When More People Speak Up, More People Listen](#) helps us to understand the impact that unconscious bias can have on others. We have a diverse learner population:

First Language		Faith		Gender	
Row Labels	Count of Full Name	Row Labels	Count of Full Name	Row Labels	Count of Full Name
Arabic	18	Buddhist	5	Female	849
Arabic (Any Other)	1	Christian	778	Male	885
Bengali	15	Church of England	2	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1734</b>
Bulgarian	8	Hindu	9		
Chinese	5	Jehovah's Witness	1		
Chinese (Cantonese)	6	Jewish	2		
Dari/Persian	2	Muslim	103		
Dutch/Flemish	4	No Religion	729		
English	1573	Other Faith	24		
Farsi/Persian (Any Other)	2	Refused	52		
Fijian	1	Sikh	1		
Greek	1	(blank)	28		
Hindi	1	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1734</b>		
Hungarian	4				
Italian	2				
Kisi (West Africa)	1				
Kurdish	4				
Malayalam	9				
Pashto/Pakhto	4				
Persian/Farsi	1				
Polish	17				
Portuguese (Brazil)	1				
Romanian	2				
Russian	3				
Shona	1				
Sinhala	3				
Spanish	7				
Tamil	2				
Tiv	1				
Turkish	10				
Ukrainian	5				
Urdu	6				
Welsh/Cymraeg	1				
Yoruba	1				
(blank)	12				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1734</b>				



## What is the impact?

- Impacts your learning, confidence, and aspirations
- Affects classroom expectations
- Shapes the culture of the school community

## How can we challenge unconscious bias?

- Pause and reflect before making decisions
- Use objective criteria and diverse perspectives
- Counter stereotypes actively
- Question assumptions about ability or behaviour
- Challenge stereotypes
- Actively seek diverse perspectives
- Reflect regularly on personal assumptions and behaviour

## Spotlight on Misogyny

### What Is Misogyny?

Misogyny refers to prejudice, dislike, or contempt towards women and girls. It can be obvious—such as verbal abuse—or subtle, such as exclusion, stereotyping, or dismissive attitudes. Misogyny exists on a spectrum from casual sexist remarks to harassment and violence, and is often reinforced by peer culture, social norms, and online influences including the “manosphere” and figures like Andrew Tate.

### What Misogyny Looks Like in Schools

- Sexualised language, jokes, or comments about girls
- Gendered insults such as “like a girl”
- Minimising or dismissing girls’ contributions
- Online harassment or inappropriate content sharing
- Normalising sexist “banter”
- Victim-blaming narratives

### Why Challenging Misogyny Matters

Unchecked misogyny can harm wellbeing, mental health, and feelings of safety; undermine girls’ confidence and learning; encourage toxic masculinity; and escalate into harassment or violence. Schools are legally responsible under the Equality Act 2010 and Ofsted expectations.

### Recognising Signs: Look out for:

- Girls or female staff being interrupted or talked over
- Learners dismissing sexist behaviour



- Peer pressure reinforcing gender stereotypes
- “Lad culture” around school
- Reluctance to report incidents

### How Should You Respond

Report any incidents that you experience or witness to your Form Tutor or Pastoral Support Manager or any member of staff. You can also go onto the school website and access the SHARP system. This will send a message directly to Mr Keegan’s email.

### DEI Learner Action Group

The learner DEI Action group meets every Wednesday in E16 during PLaN A. Learners from all year groups are welcome.

The DEI Action Group organise events to raise awareness of and celebrate all the diversity we have in our school community and we want to hear your ideas!

Come along to E16 on Wednesdays in PLaN A (12:10-12:30pm) to help us decide what to do next!

Upton-by-Chester High School  
'Learning to shape the future'

Last academic year, the learner DEI Action group helped raise awareness of and celebrated many themes, voted for by learners.

**November - International Men’s day vote**

**February/March - Ramadan**

**March - International Women’s day vote**

**April - World Autism Awareness Day & Stress Awareness Month**

**May - Deaf Awareness week**

**June - Pride & Men’s Health Week**

**July - Thank You Week**

This academic year, the learner DEI Action group wants to explore, raise awareness of and celebrate the diversity we have at Upton-by-Chester high school. So far, the group has been working hard to create a display to celebrate all the languages spoken and belief systems we have in our school. The group also held an event to raise awareness of UK Parliament week that celebrates the British Values of Democracy, The Rule of Law & Individual Liberty.

Learners were able to sign petitions on matters important to them such as; adding Politics to



the GCSE curriculum, increasing school funding to have a mental health nurse & banning gambling adverts. Their next project is to hold an international cake event.

**UK PARLIAMENT WEEK**  
24-30 NOV 2025

**Democracy**   **Rule of Law**   **Individual Liberty**

**PLaN (Y7-11)** - watch videos on how Parliament works

**Debate Club** - discuss topics such as 'banning smartphones for under 14s'

**Wednesday lunchtime** - come to the Octagon to find out about petitions & experience signing a petition on a topic important to you

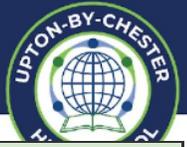
**PSHE lesson (Y13 only)** - online session about UK Parliament

### DEI Survey Results

Staff, parents and learners were invited to complete a DEI survey. Click on these links to see the results of the [Upton-by-Chester DEI Parent/Carer Survey April 2025 results](#) and the [DEI Learner Survey](#). The results have been analysed by the Staff DEI Group. Here is a link to the detailed 3 year [DEI Development Plan 2025-28](#).

### Actions to taken after the Learner survey:

- 1) Explore new resources to enhance the PSHE provision on how to tackle racism and misogyny
- 2) Reinforce PSHE content on respectful relationships, consent, and bystander action.
- 3) Over half the learners surveyed feel they matter at school, but a third were not sure. Explore the learner voice through a pastoral survey to find out why they are not sure.
- 4) Learner DEI group to work on ways to increase a sense of belong in assemblies and PSHE
- 5) Embed the trauma informed language around the rule of Respect towards each other in lessons.
- 6) Introduce a quick "get-to-know-me" sheet for all learners to help teachers connect with them beyond academics.



- 7) Diversified classroom resources (books, images, topics) to reflect broader societal representation. - Much work has been done on this which needs embedding.
- 8) Make it clear in assemblies, PSHE and lessons generally that the staff are here to help learners and have their best interests at heart.
- 9) Continue to send out the Wellbeing survey and offer pastoral support
- 10) Encourage learner voice and monitor feedback to guide school improvements.
- 11) Focus anti-bullying campaigns on commonly reported issues (appearance, identity, ability, etc.).