

## Ground Rules For Classroom Discussions

The following is a guide for pupils to help encourage discussion and debate in the classroom setting. The rules may be amended as necessary, perhaps based on pupil's own contributions or to suit your own classroom environment.

- This is a safe space; it is not about judging one another.
- We want to encourage discussion and explore complex issues.
- We believe that everyone has the right to be heard and respected.
- We will listen carefully to others' views.
- One person will speak at a time and we will not interrupt while they are speaking.
- We will not use language that will offend or upset others.
- We will comment on what was said and not on the person that said it.
- We will not make assumptions or judgements about others.