



Bringing co-operative values to education

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Sound Track – Video introducing the resource

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Schools are not just about examinations results and things they are developing the whole person. Because we have been able to base our citizenship and PSHE on co-operative values we are developing very good skills for young people and when Ofsted came in to judge us on Citizenship they said it was one of the significant reasons why school attainment in this school has increased dramatically. I was proud of that, because although we believe in these values, for an outside organisation with the weight of Ofsted to say yes this has really improved things at the school I knew we were beginning to get there.

Nick Bowen Head teacher St Benet Biscop Catholic High School and Cooperative Business and Enterprise College

Our results over the last three years have improved from about 47% five A* to C to 71% five A* to C. Now obviously there will be a number of factors that have led to that but I think the curriculum design we have now gone down as a result of becoming a specialist college is really having an impact on that but I would like to think as well that the fact that our ethos has been strengthened by our connection with the Co-operative Group that students themselves are really seeing the value of working together in order to achieve well and I think staff and students have really worked hard in recent years to create a culture of achievement of working together to achieve.