

Humanists UK School Speakers Code of Practice

- 1) We will treat all staff and students with courtesy and respect.
- 2) We will respect the guidance we receive from the school on its aims, ethos, and policies.
- 3) We will plan our involvement to fit with the area of study which the students are learning about and are happy to discuss all details of the visit with teachers in advance.
- 4) We will seek to communicate in a way that engages and informs and is at an appropriate level for the age group(s) concerned.
- 5) We will be clear to students who we are and who we represent.
- 6) The purpose of our involvement with schools is to provide information about the humanist approach to life, answer students' questions, and support discussion.
- 7) We are willing to share our own experiences, beliefs, and values, but will not try to impose them on others. We respect the rights of students and adults in the school to hold beliefs which may be different from our own, and we will not seek to undermine those.
- 8) We believe that humanism should be part of an education about religion and worldviews that includes all significant religions and beliefs.
- 9) We are happy to work together with people of other religions and beliefs.
- 10) We have been appropriately trained through Humanists UK's training for school speakers.

Humanists UK Values

In all our diverse work, we strive to embody our values by:

- engaging in dialogue and debate rationally, intelligently and with attention to evidence;
- recognising the dignity of individuals and treating them with fairness and respect;
- respecting and promoting freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;
- cooperating with others for the common good, including with those of different beliefs;
- celebrating human achievement, progress and potential.