



CITIZENSHIP - AQA GCSE

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Citizenship Studies motivates young people to become thoughtful, active citizens. You will gain a deeper knowledge of democracy, government and law, and develop skills to create sustained and reasoned arguments, present various viewpoints and plan practical citizenship actions to benefit society.

You will also gain the ability to recognise bias, critically evaluate argument, weigh evidence and look for alternative interpretations and sources of evidence, all of which are essential skills valued by higher education and employers.

The overarching theme of the course is 'How citizens can try to make a difference'. This aim is supported by three content themes:

1. **Life in modern Britain** looks at the make-up and dynamics of contemporary society, what it means to be British, as well as the role of the media and the UK's role on the world stage.
2. **Rights and responsibilities** looks at the nature of laws, rights and responsibilities within the UK, including how the justice system works in England and Wales and our role in protecting human rights.
3. **Politics and participation** aims to give young people an understanding of the political process in the UK so that they may apply the knowledge and skills necessary to understand how to resolve issues and bring about change.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will be introduced to the key concepts, before investigating 4 questions related to each theme. The final key question relates to how citizens can make a difference. You will draw comparison with other countries and use recent case studies of active citizens.

You will also undertake an **Investigation** into a Citizenship issue of your choice, planning, undertaking and reviewing your own active citizen project, which will be reflected upon in your exam.

EXAMINATION

Two exams, each 1 hour 45 minutes, make up 100% of the GCSE.

WHAT CAN THIS LEAD ON TO?

You could use your study of Citizenship to study a wide range of A levels or other Level 3 courses, including the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology. The subject is highly thought of by employers and has links to careers in law, politics, teaching, journalism, the travel industry or public services like the police.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

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Please do not hesitate to contact the Curriculum Area Leader of this subject should you wish to discuss the course.