

GCSE Citizenship Curriculum Key Stage 4

Vision

Citizenship Studies is an engaging subject that provides many opportunities for students to develop their understanding of moral, social and ethical issues. It explores contemporary issues, law and political perspectives from all around the world. The subject provides students with a range of skills from debating to interpersonal skills that are important to both their education and work life. Students will be introduced to topical issues which helps them develop a practical understanding of what it means to be a global citizen in the modern age. They will obtain the skills and knowledge necessary to think critically and play a positive role in their communities. As a significant part of the Citizenship GCSE is the Citizenship Action. This is where students campaign about a topic they feel strongly about that can range from human rights to mental wellbeing. Citizenship strives to enhance an individual's knowledge of how to create change at all levels and is a platform for students to begin to be able to make this change.

Teaching and Learning

There are 5 Citizenship topics - Themes A – E. Students are required to sit two GCSE written exam papers at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 – 1 hour, 45 minutes, 80 marks - 50%:

Theme A: Living Together in the UK;

Theme B: Democracy at Work in the UK;

Theme C: Law and Justice;

Paper 2 - 1 hour, 45 minutes, 80 marks - 50%:

Theme D: Power and Influence;

Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action;

Learning Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4KN50fal7f45fx2DqG7ttg>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE11mmqXDzqM28f-Y6NRcRg/playlists>

<https://learning.parliament.uk/resources/>

<https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/justice/rights>

<https://www.gov.uk/understand-how-your-council-works>

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/parties/>

From September 2021: Citizenship Programme of Study (YEAR 11s ONLY)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (1 double + 1 single)	Theme B - Democracy at Work in the UK (7 weeks) a. Voting and Elections b. How are Laws Made c. How are We Governed d. Balancing the Budget	Review: Theme A – Living in the UK (7 weeks) a. UK Population and Migration b. Human and Political Rights c. Legal Rights d. How are Laws Made Review Week theme A and B	Theme C – How the Law Works (6 weeks) a. What is the Law b. Criminal vs. Civil Law c. Criminal Courts d. Solving Civil Disputes	(1-week WEX) Theme C – How the Law Works (4 weeks) a. Sentences b. Punishment c. Reducing crime d. Citizens’ rights and responsibilities	Theme D – Power and influence (6 weeks) a. Putting on the Pressure b. Making a Difference / Voting c. Supporting a Society	Theme D – Power and influence (6 weeks) a. Trade unions Pressure b. Media c. Pressure groups <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>
	Assessment: Theme B - Short Answer Questions	Assessment: Theme A + B – Extended Questions	Assessment: Theme A + B – Extended Questions	Assessment: Theme C - Short Answer Questions	Assessment: Theme C – Extended Questions	Assessment: Y10 Mock Exam (Paper 1)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	
Year 11 (1 double + 1 single)	Theme E – Citizenship Action (6 weeks) a. Choosing an Action b. Research Methods c. Planning Action d. Developing Skills <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Theme E – Citizenship Action (5 weeks) a. Advocacy b. Protesting c. Participation in Action d. Campaign Reflection Write-up <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and Revision Theme A Theme B Theme C	Exam Preparation and Revision Revision Theme D Theme E <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and Revision	
	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 1)	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 2)	Assessment: 2 Sets of Extended Questions.	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 3 (Paper t.b.c.)		