

CITIZENSHIP

QUALIFICATION	GCSE
EXAMINING BOARD	Edexcel
CONTACT TEACHER	Mr Eaton
LESSONS PER FORTNIGHT	2

What will you learn?

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to:

- Understand what democracy is.
- Know how parliamentary democracy operates within the constituent parts of the UK.
- Know how government works and how democratic and non-democratic systems of government are different beyond the UK.
- Understand the relationship between the state and citizens, the rights, responsibilities and duties of citizens living and working in the UK and how people participate in democracy.
- Understand the role of the law in society, how laws are shaped and enforced and how the justice system works in England and Wales.
- Understand how taxes are raised and spent by governments, and how national economic and financial policies and decisions relate to individuals.
- How to apply knowledge and understanding of key citizenship ideas and concepts.

Course Overview

GCSE Citizenship will enable students to deepen their knowledge of democracy and government, the law, rights and responsibilities and how we live together in society as well as developing skills in critical thinking, decision making and collaborative working.

Citizenship Studies is about how people take an active part in democratic politics and work together for a better society; locally, nationally and globally.

Students will learn about power, democracy, the operation of government and the legal system, and the role of the UK in the wider world. They will explore and learn about different controversial and topical issues with political, social, ethical, economic and environmental dimensions in local to global contexts.

They will experience taking citizenship action and learn from trying to make a difference themselves. Statutory requirements for the delivery of PSHE will be mapped through the delivery of the GCSE Citizenship course to all students.

Assessment

Overview			
Paper 1	1 hr 45 mins examination	80 marks	50%
Paper 2	1 hr 45 mins examination	80 marks	50%

- Form own opinions, create sustained and reasoned arguments and reach substantiated conclusions when appropriate.
- Understand the range of methods and approaches that can be used by governments, Organisations, groups and individuals to address citizenship issues in society, including practical citizenship actions.
- Formulate citizenship enquiries, identifying and sequencing research questions to analyse citizenship ideas, issues and debates.
- Select and organise their knowledge and understanding in responses and analysis, when creating and communicating their own arguments, explaining hypotheses, ideas and different viewpoints and perspectives, countering viewpoints they do not support, giving reasons and justifying conclusions drawn.
- Present their own and other viewpoints and represent the views of others, in relation to citizenship issues, causes, situations and concepts.
- Plan practical citizenship actions aimed at delivering a benefit or change for others in society.

What students say?

Positives:

"It is interesting and is relevant to everyday life. A lot of what you need to know you might know already from everyday life."

Be aware of:

"There is much less time for this subject than others but you will have covered come of the work needed already in year 8 and 9. It is worth a full GCSE like all other options."

Qualities needed to do well:

"An open mind. You must be able to explain different views to your own."

Careers and Pathways

College:

- A-Level Law
- A-Level Government and Politics.
- BTEC Criminology
- A-Level Philosophy

Careers:

- Police
- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Politics
- Social work.

