

GCSE in Citizenship Studies

Why study this subject?

Citizenship Studies put students in touch with the world around them giving them the ability to think more widely than their own immediate circumstances. A themed approach leads them to consider issues as diverse as how individuals can bring about change in their local community and the UK's relationship with international organisations.

What will I learn?

In Citizenship Studies students are encouraged to focus on a number of citizenship concepts such as stereotyping, sustainable development and community cohesion and through these, to develop skills such as tolerance, collaborative working and negotiation. Citizenship Studies is about how people take an active part in democratic politics and work together for a better society, locally, nationally and globally. During the course you will:

- Learn about power, democracy, the operation of government and the legal system and the role of the UK in the wider world.
- Explore different controversial and topical issues with political, social, ethical, economic and environmental dimensions in local to global contexts.
- Experience taking citizenship action and learn from trying to make a difference in society.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be on-going throughout the whole course to make sure you are maximising your potential and you are well prepared for your final exams. Regular tests will allow you to practise exam-style questions and improve your understanding of the course. You will be externally assessed through two written examinations each lasting 1 hour 45 minutes at the end of the course.

What qualifications will I get at the end of the course?

A GCSE in Citizenship Studies at a grade that reflects your work ethic and commitment.

What can this qualification lead to afterwards?

This is a good GCSE to have if you are thinking for a career in the public sector (for example in the police or nursing) or you interested in studying law. Employers rate highly the skills developed in this GCSE.

Post-16 Progression

Those achieving a good grade in GCSE Citizenship, can study the course at A-Level.

How much homework will I have to do?

There will be one piece of homework set per week.

Where can I find out more about this qualification?

Speak to Mrs Bird for more information.