

GCSE Citizenship

GCSE Edexcel Examination Board

What is Citizenship?

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 have the opportunity to experience taking citizenship action and learn from trying to make a difference themselves

By studying Citizenship students will:

- Have a better understanding of the political, legal and social systems in the UK
- Gain understanding of real-world topics like rights and responsibilities, fairness and justice, democracy, power, how to make a difference and how we can live together in a diverse and multicultural society
- Gain confidence in formulating and expressing their opinions
- Gain valuable skills that colleges and employers are impressed by

Students will study the following themes in detail

- A: Living together in the UK
- B: Democracy at work in the UK
- C: Law and justice
- D: Power and influence
- E: Taking citizenship action

Assessment

Students will be assessed in the form of two written exams, both taken in Y11

- Each exam is worth 50% of the final examination
- Paper 1: Themes A, B and C (1 hr 45 mins)
- Paper 2: Themes D, E and an unseen case study question (1 hr 45 mins)
- There is no coursework
- Students will be graded 1-9

Progression

⇒ Citizenship prepares students for further studies in Politics, Law, Social Policy, History, Economics and Sociology