



KS4 Citizenship Curriculum Overview (Year 9, 10 & 11)

Students study the AQA specification, which allows to students to study and explore themes such as Law, Politics/Democracy, the Media and the role of Britain in the wider world. Students will also look at how citizens can make a change in society, the legal system and politics. They will then take part in an Active Citizenship Project where students will learn skills such as working in a team, researching an issue, organising an assembly or fundraiser and evaluating the extent of their success.

In year 9, students will study the Life in Modern Britain and Rights and Responsibilities Units. In Year 10, students will study the Active Citizenship Project and how citizens can make a difference in society. Near the end of Year 10 and Year 11, students will study the last section of the course, which is the Politics and Participation unit, and then revise the course near the end of year.

GCSE Citizenship allows the students to understand how the world works and become an active, responsible member of society. This course is all about giving students the knowledge and skills to make a real difference, both locally and globally. Students will learn about their rights and responsibilities as a citizen, so they'll know how to stand up for themselves and others, and how to make positive changes in their community.

In addition, they will get a clear understanding of how the government works, how laws are made, and how citizens can have a say in shaping the future. They will look at the major global challenges like climate change, human rights, and war. The role of international organizations like NATO and the UN and Britain's role within it, gaining the tools to understand and contribute to solving some of the world's biggest problems.

YEAR 9

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
TOPIC	Introduction to GCSE Citizenship Life in Modern Britain- Principles and Values in Britain and Identity and Migration	Life in Modern Britain- Role of the Media	Life in Modern Britain- Britain in the Wider World	Start Rights and Responsibilities- Laws in Society	Rights and Responsibilities- Citizen's rights within the legal system	Rights and Responsibilities- How has the law developed?



YEAR 10

From the start of year 10 students have one lesson a fortnight on revision to support them with retrieval and revision of earlier content.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
TOPIC	Rights and Responsibilities- How is universal law protected?	Start Active change in Society lessons- How can citizens make a change in society and the law.	Start the Active Citizenship Project	Active Citizenship Project	Start Politics and Participation- Democracy and Government	Politics and Participation- Powers of Local/Devolved Government

YEAR 1

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
TOPIC	Politics and Participation- Local and Devolved Government	Politics and Participation- Where does Political power lie?	Politics and Participation- Where does Political power lie?	Politics and Participation- How do others govern themselves and how do others make a change in Politics?	Revision Exams	