

CITIZENSHIP

CURRICULUM 2018-19

KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 students study the specification for GCSE OCR Citizenship Studies (9-1).

Citizenship Studies has been designed to enable learners to understand and appreciate key citizenship issues at home, in school and as young citizens in their wider community. This includes topics such as:

- Rights, the law and the legal system in the UK
- Democracy and government
- The UK and the wider world
- Citizenship Action

This course enables pupils to deepen their knowledge of the above topics while also teaching them to think critically, evaluate evidence, debate ideas, make persuasive arguments, and justify conclusions.

Pupils will sit three exams at the end of Year 11. Papers 1 and 3 are each worth 25% of the GCSE, and Paper 2 is worth the final 50%. The course is exam-based only; there is no controlled assessment element. However, students will be expected to take part in an 'active citizenship' campaign. Evidence of this campaign will be needed to be able to provide OCR with a written statement confirming their participation. Students will be regularly tested to ensure progress towards targets. These will include the completion of case study analysis and evaluations to produce extended pieces of writing on key topics. Past exam papers will be used to familiarise pupils with the exam format and also to gain an accurate judgement on their ability. Students must engage with assessments and feedback in order to progress and improve.

To develop an understanding of key Citizenship themes, pupils could:

- Watch local, national and international news to keep up to date with current affairs and different viewpoints
- Join an organisation dedicated to improving lives of people.
- Volunteer for a local help group or charity.

Additional resources can be found on using the links on our webpage.