

Subject:	Citizenship
Level:	GCSE
Awarding Body:	Edexcel
Specification Code:	1CS0
Awarding Body website:	www.edexcel.com
ASSESSMENT:	
Examination %:	100%
When will it be sat?	May/June at end of Year 11
TIERS:	
Higher Tier Grades:	N/A
Foundation Tier Grades:	N/A
No Tier Grades:	9 - 1
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Description

Citizenship Studies is about how people take an active part in democratic politics and work together for a better society, locally, nationally and globally. You will learn about power, democracy, the operation of government and the legal system, and the role of the UK in the wider world. You will also explore and learn about different controversial and topical issues with political, social, ethical, economic and environmental dimensions in local to global contexts. You will experience taking citizenship action (an active citizenship project) and learn from trying to make a difference themselves.

The course content is divided into five themes:

- 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

Remember, as well as being an enjoyable subject the skills you are learning in Citizenship, such as investigating situations and working out why events are happening and their impact and differing groups of people and society are relevant to many job situations.

How will I be assessed?

The units are assessed by written examinations at the end of Year 11. The Paper 1 exam lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes and is worth 50% of the GCSE. The Paper 2 exam lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes and is worth 50% of the GCSE. Part of this examination will test your understanding and participation in an active citizenship project.

Future Opportunities

Have you ever wondered who really exercises power in the UK and the world? Can ordinary people really influence the government or effect change in the world?

Citizenship teaches students how government and democracy works in the UK as well as globally. It asks key questions about rights and responsibilities of citizens and governments; justice; the environment; the economy at local and global levels.

Students who study Citizenship will participate in an active citizenship campaign seeking to affect change in an area of their choosing. You will develop understanding and skills in order to participate in responsible actions to address citizenship issues aimed at improving society and positively contributing to democracy and public life, as individuals and in collaboration with others.

If you choose to study Citizenship you'll be tackling some of the most important questions which are essential to our understanding of the world today. The study of Citizenship will help you develop not just answers to these questions but also your general powers of analysis and evaluation.

You need to be able to read carefully and find information from a variety of written sources and images. You also need to recognise bias and understand how useful certain information is. It would be an advantage to have a good grasp of English and be able to explain your ideas well in writing.

Most of all you need an enthusiasm for the subject and should be prepared to work hard in Citizenship lessons and outside the classroom.

The ability to work with factual information and to write balanced and clear accounts in good English, having an awareness of situations that are occurring in our country and across the globe, as well as understanding how society functions are key skills for many jobs. For example: Police, Social Work, Retail Trade, Law, Journalism, Media, Teaching.

Further information

The course requires a lot of reading and writing and students will be expected to show commitment, complete homework exercises and meet all deadlines.

The students who are most successful in this subject:

- Show interest and enthusiasm
- Are aware of political and social issues within the UK and also Globally
- Enjoy reading and writing
- Work hard in the lessons and at home
- Revise properly for examinations

For further details please contact Mr Prescott