

Citizenship Studies

Qualification: GCSE (short course)

Exam Board: Edexcel

Introduction

Citizenship Studies is a relatively new subject in education. Its introduction has been widely regarded as an interesting and exciting development. Citizenship Studies develops students' skills of investigation and enquiry which are so important for further and higher education through to employment. It also gives students the opportunity to actively participate in their community and the wider world in a constructive and meaningful way. Alongside this is the development of knowledge and understanding of vital concepts which are needed throughout life.

Course content

There are 3 main themes and 1 Citizenship Activity studied:

- **Theme 1 – Human Rights** – This is delivered in three main sections: Communities and Identities, Roles, Rights and Responsibilities and Criminal and Civil Justice.
- **Theme 2 – Power, Politics and the Media** – This is delivered in two main sections: Power and Politics and the Media.
- **Theme 3 – The Global Village** – This is delivered in three main sections: Global Business, Environmental Issues and the UK's place in the world.
- **The Citizenship Activity** is an internally assessed piece which involves Students participating in society. Students choose an activity that will benefit the school, the community or the wider world and then evaluate their activity in a written portfolio response form.

Assessment

60% - a written exam on Themes 1-3 which takes place at the end of Year 11

40% - coursework based on the citizenship activity

Why study Citizenship Studies?

Opportunities for further study and career pathways: Students with GCSE Citizenship Studies have a solid foundation for A Levels in Government and Politics, RS, Philosophy and Sociology with further links to History, Geography, Psychology, Law and English & Media Studies.

Citizenship Studies develops many skills which will help progression to employment or further and higher education. Analysis, evaluation, advocacy and investigation are developed throughout the Citizenship Studies programme of study. The information gained through completing the Citizenship Studies course is valuable in the world of work. Examples of careers that Citizenship Studies could help gain access to are: Politicians, Journalists, Solicitors, work with NGOs and community development work.

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